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Regent cautions against Arab institutions yielding to disunity

Koyal Highnese Prince Hassan, the Regent, bas deplored the disunity and lack of coordination among Royal Highness Crown and joy in a fruitful future in pan-Arab institutions to steer away from weaknesses result-ing from the state of affairs in

the Arab World. The Crown Prince also calhelp the Palestinians, who are now facing a situation of want and in need of assist-200 mig

In a speech delivered at a meeting of the Arab Thought Forum (ATF) in Rabat, Morocco, the Crown Prince said Arab disunity and the lack of coordination and consultations. "particularly that Arab Summit meetings have been indefinitely post-poned," were threatening the work of pan-Arab institu-

The Arab League is the last living symbol of Arab and Islamic unity and therefore it is incumbent on us to work out a plan for our aspired-for future," the Crown Prince said in the address, delivered on his behalf by Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) Governor

Mohammad Nabulsi. The Crown Prince also said the Arab measures were seeking social justice and "not social propaganda," and efforts should be exerted to and intellectuals and people

Combined agency dispatches

AS THE United Nations de-

liberated further action over

Yemen's civil war, President

Ali Abdullah Saleh warned

Tuesday he would not toler-

ate any imposed foreign in-

In a speech at Sanaa Uni-

versity, Mr. Saleh did not

rule out foreign participation

but said his imprimatur must

be won before any action was

are they require approval by

us, the main party." he said.
Mr. Saleh claimed the

south was breaching cease-

fires to provoke international

involvement in the nearly

two-montb-old conflict.

which is believed to have

torce in the world," Mr.

Saleh said, to a supportive

audience of about 500 resi-

dent Arab intellectuals.

They (the south) want from

the ceasefire violations to

bring international forces into Yemen."

PANMUNIOM. Korea

(Agencies) - The presidents

of communist North and

capitalist South Korea agreed

on Tuesday to hold a historic

summit next month, breaking

a half-century deadlock in

poisoned relations on the di-

Negotiators meeting at the

heavily-fortified inter-

Korean border agreed that

South Korean President Kim

Young-Sam and North Ko-

rean leader Kim Il-Sung

would meet for a three-day

summit from July 25 in the

North Korean capital, Pyon-

The two Kims will be the

first Korean heads of state to

meet since the peninsula was

divided by the allied victors

"This is a historic agree-

of World War II in 1945

ment. It will go a long way

towards resolving pending

vided peninsula.

gyang.

"We will not bow to any

claimed thousands of lives.

Whatever the decisions

taken.

-tervention in bis country.

which all citizens could participate in the process of cretivity and innovation as well as affiliation to the Arab Na-

Following is the text of the Crown Prince's speech: May God's blessing and mercy be upon you,

I am sending you kind greetings from Jordan, which has embraced the ATF from the start. I am delighted to be addressing your audience to-day in Morocco's capital Rabat, which is dear to all our hearts. I am pleased to send you Hashemite greetings from the land that enjoys the blessing of God and from the mountains of our country which is close to the city of Jerusalem and its Aqsa Mos-

Your gathering follows a prolonged break caused by the crises witnessed by the Arab Nation and comes at the threshold of looming events expected to cause major political, social and economic transformations.

Out of a feeling of responsibility and trust to which we have been committed in respect of the nation and its various questions I would like to present to you my own ideas about issues of destiny because you represent the elite of the nation's scholars

The south wants foreign

ceasefire monitors, bot the

north fears a foreign presence

would bolster the south's

secession, which was de-

clared May 20. Since the war

erupted May 4, Mr. Saleb has

rejected all suggestions of

ognised the breakaway gov-

ernment led by former Vice-

President Ali Salem Al

Beidh, although it is believed

to have the tacit support of

Saudi Arabia and other Gulf

The Gulf bloc has pushed

for United Nations involve-

ment in the crisis. The U.N.

Security Council Monday be-

gan deliberations on a possi-ble resolution involving a

new ceasefire call, observers

to monitor it, and resumption

of political dialogue. UN.

peace efforts led by former

Algerian Foreign Minister

Lakhdar Ibrahimi, who bro-

kered an end to Lebanon's

1975-90 civil war, collapsed

Mr. Saleh's forces have

taken most of the country,

foundation for ... ending the

history of national division

and moving towards peaceful reunification." he said.

hold the summit in the spirit

of peace, reconciliation and

co-existence ...," he said. He said Seoul and Pyon-

gyang officials would meet on

Friday at Panmunjom to

work out practical details for

Despite the euphoria,

South Korea is determined a

summit will not be held at the

expense of concessions over

international demands for in-

spection of North Korea's

South Korea and allies sus-

pect Pyongyang of develop-

ing a nuclear arsenal. The

North denies the charge but

has blocked International

Atomic Energy agency

(IAEA) inspectors from

making full checks of its

ostensibly civilian nuclear

. The agreement followed

eight hours of sometimes

the summit.

nuclear industry.

"The two sides agreed to

Korean presidents to

hold summit July 25

No foreign nation has rec-

foreign involvement.

states.

last week.

N. Yemeni leader warns

Princess Rahma returns

AMMAN (J.T.) - Her Royal Highness Princess Rahma Bint Al Hassan returned bome after a twoday working visit to the kingdom of Morocco where the Princess represented His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, at the general assembly meeting of the Arab Thought Forum in Rabat. Princess Rahma was met at Amman airport by Crown Prince Hassan, Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath and the Moroccan ambassador in Jordan.

Division

During her brief visit, Princess Rahma delivered a speech at the opening session of the forum's meeting where she conveyed to the gathering the best wishes of the Crown Prince for the success of their proceedings. She addressed in her speech the issue of deteriorating Arab relations and ways of achieving at least a minimum level of Arab solidarity.

The Princess also hosted a lunch in honour of the participants of the meeting.

who uphold responsibility. I bope that you will deeply scrutinise these ideas and come out with views that

forcing the secessionists to retreat to Aden, the coun-

try's largest port and econo-

mic capital, and the eastern

desert province of Hadhra-

maut on the Saudi border.

take Aden at whatever the

cost and in bis Tuesday

speech said he would never

"Whatever the (interna-

tional) decisions, were and

regardless of how many, it is

not possible, it is not possible

that we accept separation,"

Six ceasefires, the most re-

cent on Saturday, have col-

lapsed within hours with each

contentious negotiations be-

hind closed doors in Panmun-

iom, inside the demilitarised

zone that separates the two

have been seen as a litmus

test of North Korea's willing-

ness to cooperate in settling

The pre-summit talks

turned into an indirect en-

counter between the two

presidents themselves, calling

the shots from in front of

The talks were being tele-

vised live through closed cir-

cuits to the offices of North

Korea's Kim Il-Sung, 82, in

Pyongyang and Kim Young-

Sam, 66, in Seoul, officials

South Korea's state-run

international tensions

their TV sets.

here said.

The summit negotiations

Koreas.

Mr. Saleb said.

accept Yemen's partition.

Mr. Saleb has vowed to

The lunch was attended by the Moroccan minister of state and the minister of education, in addition to forum members and other invited guests. Dr. Abed Al Aziz Hijazi, former Egyptian prime minister, delivered a word of thanks to the Princess on behalf of the forum members and conveyed their gratitude and appreciation to the Crown Prince for his support over the years.

Princess Rahma had left Morocco earlier this morning and was seen off at Rabat airport by the Moroccan minister of culture, a representative of the Moroccan Royal Court, the secretary general of the Arab Thought Forum, and the Jordanian ambassador in Morocco.

The general assembly resumed its meeting this morning, when Dr. Nabulsi, member of the forum board of trustees and head of the administrative committee, delivered a speech to the meeting on behalf of the Crown Prince. (see story)

would serve as a new dawn,

long awaited by all of us with (Continued on page 5)

Palestinian shot dead;

against foreign intervention stabbed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) - A Palestinian broke into a private bome and opened fire Tuesday. killing a fellow Arab accused of collaborating with Israel and wounding three others. In a separate incident, an

Israeli man was stabbed and scriously wounded while fixing his car in a Jewish neighbourhood of East Jerusalem. The army identified the Palestinian killed in Tul-karem, a West Bank town

still under Israeli military occupation, as Hussein Mahmoud Abu Salim. Arab reports said that

side accusing the other of being the first to shoot. assailants snuck into the Mr. Saleh called on Saudi bouse and that soldiers later Arabia - although not by took away the body and the three wounded. One of those name — to stay out of the conflict. Mr. Saleh's aides wounded, Kamil Mohammad have accused Saudi Arabia of Abdullah Nori, 28, was in backing the south with fundserious condition, the army ing for weapons purchases.
"Why don't they respect said. The others were injured

our will just like we respect Abu Salim was the fourth theirs. Why don't they stop Palestinian slain as an informant since the start of self-(Continued on page 5) rule in the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho in May. Over 800 have been slain in previous years, with human rights groups report-

(Continued on page 5)



Al Hussein born to Prince Abdullah and Princess Rania

AMMAN (Petra) - Their Royal Highnesses Prince Abdullah Ben Al Hussein and Princess Ranja Al Abdullah had their first child on Tuesday. His Majesty King Hussein named the boy Al Hussein, a communique issued by the Royal Court said.

King Hussein sent a message to Prince Abdullah congratulating him on Al. Hussein's birth and voicing his

happiness and joy.

King Hussein voiced hope that Al Hussein's birth be a good omen for the Royal family and that he will inherit all good omen for the Royal family and that he will inherit all the good deeds and characteristics of all those Hashemites

who have carried his name throughout history. Their Royal Highnesses Prince Hassan, the Regent, and Princess Sarvath on Tuesday visited Prince Abdullah and Princess Ramia at the Hussein Medical Centre and congratulated them on the birth of Prince Al Hussein (see

Prince Abdullah sent a letter of thanks and recognition to King Hussein and Her Majesty Queen Noor in response to His Majesty's letter of congratulations.

In the letter, Prince Abdullah expressed his sincerest thanks and recognition to His Majesty for the letter of congratulations. Prince Abdullah asked God to make the arrival of Prince Al Hussein a blessing to the nation. Prince Abdullah asked God that the child be raised under King Hussein's benevolent guidance and during his continuing reign — "so to take of His Majesty's manner — to be as His Majesty likes, a knight of the knights of Bani Hashem."

Peace in 3 years or war —

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was quoted as saying on Tuesday that unless Israel and Syria made peace within three years, be would recommend spending huge sums on the army to prepare for a possible war.

Israeli opposition leaders accused Mr. Rabin of whipping up war fears last week with a similar comment they said was aimed at preparing the public for far-reaching concessions on the Israelioccupied Golan Heights.

"If within two to three years there is no agreement with the Syrians, I recommend changing the order of priorities and injecting buge sums of money into the army in order that it could prepare for the possibility of a war," a parliamentary official quoted

Mr. Rabin as telling a closeddoor committee meeting.

Nearly three years of peace talks have stalled over the Golan Heights. Syria insists on a full Israeli withdrawal. Israel bas offered, at least-phased, par-

tial withdrawal but only when Damascus agrees to "full peace" with open borders, trade and diplomatic rela-Many Israelis oppose mak-

ing any "concessioos" to Syria on the plateau that towers over the Sea of Galilee in northern Israel. Mr. Rabin has said any concessions would be put to a referen-

Asked by opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu if his remarks about war were not ill-advised, Mr. Rabin told parliament's foreign affairs and defence committee: "I have a feeling that my declarations most worry the Sy-"From the end of '93 I

cannot recall such a large quantity of weapons reaching Syria and so advanced hundreds of T-72s tanks, not an insignificant quantity of mobile artillery," Mr. Rabin was quoted as saying.

president of Russi said that they would continue to supply spare parts because of their commitments to them (Syria) and that if Syria is able to meet the payments it owes Russia totalling \$11 billion, they will also supply SA-10 missiles."

Mr. Rabin's remarks at the closed meeting contrast sharply with his public comments to reporters afterwards when he insisted there was

"nothing new" in Middle East countries arming them-

Mr. Rabin said he ex-pected U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher to make another shuttle trip between Israel and Syria in mid-July. "I imagine that the Amer-

icans will not come with proposals. We also do not want that. The Ameri can relay positions, but if the Syrians don't reach a more serious level of dialogue, there will not be progress,' he said.

Air Force commander Ma-jor General Herzl Bodinger was quoted in the Israeli daily Davar on Tuesday as saying that the Syrians bad recently renewed their arms trade with Russia, buying spare parts at this stage.

Self-rule talks resume on upbeat note

EREZ CHECKPOINT, Gaza Strip (Agencies) --Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) resumed autonomy talks Tuesday, and the top PLO negotiator said Yasser Arafat would come to Jericho io mid-July if Israel guaranteed

him freedom of movement. Israeli negotiators said Tuesday they were ready to talk about a quick expansion of self-rule to the rest of the West Bank

"I think our whole government is united in the view that we have to speed up the processes, that we have to move them up as much as possible, though we shouldn't do anything hasty," said Yossi Sarid, Israel's chief nego-

Mr. Sarid, the environ-

ment minister, denied reports that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin wants to wait and see bow autonomy works in the Gaza Strip and Jericbo before transferring civilian authority in the rest of the West

Mr. Sarid spoke after a meeting with PLO chief negotiator Nabil Sbaatb at an Israel-PLO liaison centre just inside Gaza where Israeli troops and armed Palestinian policemen mingled.

Dr. Shaatb said be would recommend Mr. Arafat come to Jericho once he is able to freely cross the border and move between Jericho and Gaza without being stopped by Israeli soldiers.

This would be possible, he said, when Israel had completed construction of border

terminals at crossings into Gaza and Jericho and once Palestinians could travel along "safe passage" roads between the two autonomy zones.

Under the autonomy accord, four safe passage routes through Israel should link Gaza and Jericho, but Israel has not completed security arrangements for the Dr. Sbaath said the Israelis

told him construction of the new terminals would be completed by July 15. Israeli officials confirmed the King Hussein Bridge terminal was expected to be ready by mid-

July.
"As soon as we see these things implemented, I would be very happy to recommend heartily for him to come."

Dr. Shaath said. Dr. Shaath said that after he toured Jericho earlier this month he had recommended to Mr. Arafat that the PLO leader stay away a while longer. During that visit, Dr. Sbaath encountered several problems with Israeli troops who restricted his movement

escorts. "I was really disturbed by what I saw in Jericho," Dr. Shaath said Tuesday, adding that he did not want to see his boss subjected to similar experiences.

and at one point disarmed his

Mr. Sarid said the exact date of Mr. Arafat's arrival in the autonomy zones would be 'much clearer" after the PLO chief meets July 7 in

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Red-Dead canal — a priority for Jordan

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

ONE OF the first things that

from Israel when negoriations begin next month is the fate of an ambitious plan to pump Red Sea water to raise the level of the Dead Sea in a project that would involve desalination, hydroelectric power generation and regional development. The project is one of the

centrepieces of Jordan's approach to solving the chronic water shortages of the Kingdom, the Palestinians and Israel - all of whom, technically, share the Dead

KBS station was commissioned to send sound and It is also part of an enpictures from a camera visioned integrated economic and social development of trained on the negotiating the Jordan Rift Valley in table at the "Peace House" on the southern side of this peace time, benefitting all the border hamlet to Kim three, said Munther Hadda-Young-Sam's Seoul office.

negotiator and the Kingdom's top-most expert on wa-

The Red-Dead canal is one Jordan would like to find out . of the items in the subagenda for negotiations agreed between Jordan and Israel in Washington early this month. It lalls within the context of Israeli-Jordanian discussions on development of water resources, cooperation in a regional context, protection of resources and development of the Jordan Rift Valley among other

> The canal project is the first item listed under proposals to develop the Jordan Rift While the Israeli agree-

ment to include the project as a topic for discussions could be construed as an implicit acceptance of the proposal, Jordan would like to be officially informed of the Jewish din, a senior Jordanian peace state's views, Dr. Haddadin

Israel bad a plan to raise the level of the Dead Sea but with water from the Mediterranean. That plan was raised during the mid-80s, only to be reportedly, shelved at that time following Jordanian objections after the Kingdom let it be known to the international community that the concept of such a project was not exclusive to

But the declaration of principles signed by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in September specifically refers to the Med-Dead Sea canal project with no mention of the Jordanian proposal — another glaring shortcoming resulting from the lack of Jordanian-Palestinian coordination in

However, in a meeting in Peking in October of the multilateral working group

the peace process.



Munther Haddadin

on water, Israel said it was shelving its project. However, it responded to Jordan's proposal for a Red Sea-Dead Sea canal with a similar plan. It was proposed with a "Peace Valley Project" authored by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Subsequently, an agreement was reached in the Peking meeting that the World Bank would finance a feasibility study on linking the Red Sea with the Dead Sea.

Ram Chopra, head of the Middle East division of the World Bank, reaffirmed the agreement during a visit to Jordan this month and said a feasibility study on the canal was one of the regional 'megaprojects' that the bank was supporting.

However, he did not make it clear whether the study would involve the Jordanian proposal of the Israeli version or a combination of

bility study would cost between \$2 million and \$3 million, and the canal could take up to 10 years to build.

Dr. Haddadin said a feasi-

Dr. Haddadin said Jordan (Continued on page 5)

issues ... and easing tensions on the peninsula," a Seoul government spokesman said. "The precious fruit we ceaped today will serve a

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U.S. urges Israel to heed Hebron report

WASHINGTON (Agencies)
— The United States on Monday urged Israel to follow the recommendations of the official investigation into the massacre of Muslim worshippers at a mosque in Hebron in February.

In addition to finding that a Jewish settler acted alone in the Feb. 25 shooting at the shrine, in which more than 30 Muslim worshippers were killed, the report recommended several steps to prevent re-currence of such an incident.

"We don't have any judg-ments about the specific findings," State Department spokesman Mike McCurry told reporters.

We do know that the report recognises that the au-thorities should do everything they can to prevent such horrendous acts from occurring in the future, and it tions to that effect, and those recommendations clearly merit full consideration," be

In reporting Sunday that the settler, Baruch Goldstein, had acted alone and was the sole person responsible for the killings, the com-mission also found that several paramilitary border guards were not at their posts and cited shortcomings in metal detectors at the gates to the

In addition it recommended that the army's npen-fire orders be clarified, and that Israelis should be barred from cartying weapons at the shrine.

Mr. McCurry said the United States could not judge the specifics of the report "because we didn't go and independently assess those

"Certainly there's nothing that we are aware of that would dispute the essential findings, hut it's not our place to rendet a judgment on a teport that has been conducted by the government of Israel," he said.

Asked if the State Department considered the matter closed, Mr. McCurry said: "The matter is not closed because violence continues in the territories.

He also stressed the need to continue implementing an Israel-Palestine Liberation

Organisation (PLO) agreement granting Palestinians self-rule in Jericho and the Gaza Strip.

Syrian radio charged Monday the Israeli report into the mosque massacre whitewasbing the government and the army was prepared before Goldstein even

"The inquiry's report was prepared in advance well before Baruch Goldstein committed his crime with the cooperation of other settlers and protected by the Israeli Radio Damascus

It said its accusation was based on Syria's long experience with Israel and because "all the crimes and massacres perpetrated by Israelis in the past haif a century have been iustified."

The radio warned that the decision to whitewasb the government and army "despite all the witness statements to the contrary' tbreatened the Palestinian people and the Middle East

The Israeli report said: "Dr. Goldstein is solely and entirely responsible for the

The evidence shows without any doubt that be carried ont the massacre alone, withont any collusion from bis family, other settlers or sol-

Only the army was criticised for "shortcomings in coordination and the level of discipline" at Ibrahimi Mosque, where Goldstein, in army uniform, gunned down worsbippers before being beaten to death himself.

The Democratic and Popular Fronts for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP and PFLP) also denounced the inquiry's findings on Monday saying it gave settlers the go-ahead to carry out further attacks on Palestinians.

In a joint statement in Damascus the two groups, wbo are opposed to the peace ptocess, said "the report sbows there is a correlation between the legal powers and the government's policies."

It gave "settlers and the occupying forces the green light to carry out more massacres of the Palestinians," the statement added.



SIFI IN ROME: Italian President Oscar Luigi Quirinale Palace in Rome. Mr. Sifi is on an Scalfaro (right) speaks with Algerian Prime official visit to Italy seeking to boost bilateral Minister Mokdad Sifi on Tuesday at the relations (AFP photo)

Aden residents living on their wits to survive siege

running at full-steam.

most supplies having been

requisitioned by the army

along with cars and lorries.

Northern troops Ioyal to President Ali Abdullah Saleh

have kept up a relentless

bombardment of the south-

ern stronghold since June 11

in which about 400 civilians

have been killed and about

1,000 wounded, according to an AFP toll based on hospital

Thousands more, living in

volcanic mountain over-

wooden houses on the side of

looking the port, are at the

mercy of northern gunners.

for 10,000 people in the city's

shelters, others have to rely

on their own resources.

There is only enough room

Some residents in the

northern Sheikh Osman area,

which has come under fre-

quent attack, have created

weary, desperate for water and shelter from the daily shelling. Aden residents are living on their wits to survive the siege of their city hy northern troops.

As temperatures soar above 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit), the top priority for the 500,000 residents bas become search for

The city's main pumping station was badly damaged three weeks ago in a northern bombing raid, and since then the hunt for water has been a constant battle.

On camel-back, by foot or hy car residents arrive at the pumps carrying any object that can be used as a water container. Even after lining up at one of the city's wells. the water still has to be boiled before it can be drunk.

"About 90 per cent of the population spends its time looking for water," said Stephen Tannock, a bygiene expert from the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Aden hospital director Abdullah Hattab said: "It's a miracle...there has been no outhreak of an epidemic

Even the doctors at the

city's many dispensaries have quit their posts to look for sandbags around a room in their house. Those living in water, ensuring that the sershanty towns have taken to vice, set up under the former socialist authorities, is not

squatting on building sites.

Others bave simply fled, moving further into the beart Frederique Chapuis from of the city or the Crater district, which is afforded the charity Medecins Sans Frontieres said about a quarsome protection by the hills ter of the doctors were no surrounding it. longer at work.
Fuel is also scarce with

Here schools overflow with refugees, several families crammed together in one

But for most there is no escape, The airport has been closed to international flights since the war erupted on May 5 between Mr. Saleh's forces and troops loyal to his southern rival Ali Salem Al Beidh.

The closest port is Djibouti across the Gulf of Aden, hut even if Yemenis manage to get a passage they cannot enter the African port with-

Among those desperate to escape are young men trying to avoid the call-up. Most stay at home avoiding militia toadblocks that crisscross the

It is not even safe to hide in a hearse, for here they search everything including the cof-

Battle of fatwas

DUBAI (AFP) - Rival northern and sonthern Yemeni forces are using fatwas or religious decrees, issued by Muslim leaders of both parties, to justify continued fighting in their bloody civil war.

In the north, the powerful Islamic movement Al Islah, which backs President Ali Abdullah Saleb, sees the conflict as a "jihad" or holy war against the "atheists" of the Yemen Socialist Party (YSP) in the south.

Sheikh Abdullah Ben Hus-sein Al Ahmar, Al Islah leader, told journalists recently that the war between north and south was "a holy war that must not be stopped, even if it costs a million

Sheikh Ahmar, also speaker in the northern-dominated parliament, repeated in his name a fatwa issued pre-viously by Abdul Wahab Al Dailami, another Al Islah leader.

Sanaa Radio broadcast the fatwa, which declared that "a ceasefire in the war against the atheists is against Islamic Sharia (law)."
Sheikh Dailami, a profes-

snr at Sanaa University. advocated "the continuation of the jihad against the secessionists, including women and children.'

His appeal was repeated by imams, or prayer leaders, in Sanaa mosques during Friday

But southern mullahs close to the YSP immediately condemned the northern fatwa as "heresy.

Southern muliah Said Ali Nour responded with another televised fatwa, calling on Yemenis to "put an end to this fratricidal war" and reminding them that the Koran forbids "brother Muslims" to kill each other,

However, other mullahs in tbe sontbern Hadramawt province issued a statement calling on southerners to "use their legitimate right of selfdefence" to "push back the (northern) invaders,"

The statement, broadcast on Radio Aden, added: "Our religious and national dnty tells us to carry out a just fight against the forces of evil, who plunder our wealth and attack our honour."

Abdul Rahman Al Jiffri, appointed vice president of the hreakaway sonthern state, used Friday prayers in Aden's principal mosque to condemn "the call to murder innocent women and chil-

But Mr. Jiffri, head of the moderate Islamic Party League of the Sons of Yemen, called for calm from the faithful who demanded revenge attacks on northern residential areas.

He said Al Islah was "re-gressive." YSP leaders have accused the movement of protecting members of the sbadowy fundamentalist group Jihad, which has carried ont attacks on southern

Mr. Jiffri also challenged northerner Sheikb Abdul Majid Zendani to a televised debate on the war of the

Sheikh Zendani is a membet of the presidential council at Sanaa, as well as being the leading theorist of Al Islah and a declared enemy of southern "atheists."

Mr. Jiffri said the debate would be refereed by the principal theological authority for Sunni Muslims - Sheikh Gad Al Haq Ali Gad Al Haq, vice chancellor of Al Azhar university in Cairo. Sheikh Zendani has not yet

risen to the challenge.

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Arab countries to discuss Yemen — KUNA

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) — Foreign ministers from eight Arab countries are to meet in Kuwait on July 5 and 6 to discuss the two-month-old civil war in Yemen, the official agency KUNA said. The meeting grouping the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) as well as Egypt and Syria had been due to take place Monday hut was postponed "because of political efforts to solve the crisis." KUNA. said. The eight including the six GCC members — Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — form of the Damascus Declaration set up at the end of the Gulf war in March 1991.

Kurdish leaders meet in northern Iraq

ERBIL (AFP) — Rival Kurdish leaders agreed Monday to set up a joint commission to try to solve differences which have pitted their factions in northern Iraq. A statement from the Iraqi National Congress (INC) said Massad Barzani, leader of the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) and his rival Islah Talahari, head of the Patriotic Union of and his rival Jalal Talabani, head of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), met in Erbil in northern Iraq. They agreed to stop waging hostile press campaigns against each other, and to set up the commission due to start work Wednesday, the statement said. Mare than 100 people have died since the beginning of May in clashes which broke out after a private feud. The two men met two weeks ago in Turkey in an initiative set up by Ankara to end the hostilities. The INC, which groups movements opposed to Baghdad, also attended the meeting, the statement added. The clashes have virtually split Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq into two areas. The area was set up with the backing of a U.S.-led coalition at the end of the Gulf war in February 1991.

Police wound fugitive Egyptian suspect

ASSIYUT (AFP) - Police on Monday shot and wounded in the back a militant on the run from prison in a gun battle in southern Egypt, police said. Anwar Mnhammad Farghali, 26, shot at police in the village of Kabab, near Sohag in Upper Egypt where he had been "hiding in the fields," they added. He opened fire and security forces shot back. He was taken to hospital for treatment. An automatic rifle and bullets were found in his possession. Six security officers had been called to give witness statements to the prosecutors office, police added. Upper Egypt, and especially Assiyut and Sohag, 500 kilometres from Cairo, are strongholds for militants who have waged a two-year campaign to topple the secular government of President Hosni Mubarak.

Lyricist Mamoun Al Shinnawy dies at 80°

CAIRO (AP) - Lyricist Mamoun Al Shinnawy, who wrote songs for the greatest singers in Arabie of his generation, died Monday ater a two-week bout with pneumonia. He was 80. The Cairo Newspaper Al Gomhuria said Shinnawy also suffered internal bleeding in the lungs in his last days. Shinnawy wrote lyrics for more than I,000 songs in his long career, for among others the superstars Mohammad Abdul Wahab and Om Kalthoum. The poet began as a journalist and was famous for intricate imagery evoked in simple colloquial Arabic. He was also known for a biting sense of humour. Shinnawy is survived by three daughters and four sons,

U.S. to pull most staff from Mogadishu

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The United States has decided to pull the majority of its diplomats ont of Mogadishu because of renewed fighting between Somali clans, the State Department said Monday. "A small number of essential personnel at this point will remain behind in Mogadishn," said department spokesman Mike McCurry. Fighting between rival clans in Mogadishu has not yet directly affected U.N. installations, but a U.S. civilian ha been wounded and the U.N. headquarters is in the line of fire, Mr. McCurry said. Mr. McCurry said the U.S. government fears the current ceasefire will break down. The evacuated diplomats will continue to work on Somalia, but from the safety of Nairobi, Kenya. At least 30 people died in fighting over the weekend and three U.N. soldiers.

iran restaurant closed over veiled woman

TEHRAN (AFP) - Iranian authorities bave closed down a Japanese restaurant in northern Tehran after it refused to serve a woman dressed in the traditional black veil, a newspaper said Monday. In a letter published in the daily Kayban, Interior Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati said Seryna restaurant, in an affinent residential neighbourhood and frequented mainly by foreigners, bad been ordered to close permanently because it 'violated Islamic laws.' Kayhan said the restaurant manager had recently pre-vented a woman wearing the black chador and her husband from joining other customers in the main salon, asking them to dine in his office.

S. Arabia orders satellite dishes dismantied

RIYADH (AP) - Saudi Arabia's Interior Ministry ordered residents to tear down their satellite dishes within a month in a statement broadcast by the official agency SPA Monday. Saudi ministers first banned the import or manufacture of satellite dishes in March after complaints by religious leaders. Now tesidents are banned from owning dishes. "Owners of satellite dishes ot associated equipment can re-export them abroad within a month," the statement said. Anyone found awning or importing a dish-faces fines of between 100,000 riyals and 500,000 riyals (\$36,000 to \$180,000) and the confiscation of the disb. The Interior Ministry will now choose which of the satellite programmes respect Saudi "religinus and social values" and arrange for them to be shown on cable television.

ran says ships fly its flag to beat Iraq embargo

TEHRAN (R) — Iran has told the United Nations that it has seized ships carrying goods to Iraq which were illegally flyng the Iranian flag to beat U.N. Gulf war sanctions against Baghdad.

Iranian media reported the complaint nn Tuesday when Foreign Minister Ali Akhar Velayati, addressing Iran's complex relations with Iraq in a published interview, said Baghdad shauld choose between friendsbip with Tehran and supporting the opposi-tion Mujahedeen-e-Khalq

Iran's IRNA news agency said U.N. Ambassadar Kamal Kharrazi informed Secretary-General Boutros Gbali that in recent months Iran had seized a number of Iraq-bound non-Iranian cargo ships in Arvand Rud the Iranian name for Shatt Al Arab, the border rivet which is Iraq's main gateway tn Gnif waters.

Some were flying the Iranian flag withnut authorisation. Others had wrangfully declared Iranian ports as their destination, said Mr. Kharrazi in the letter dated June 24.

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"Iran has resorted to limited measures in Arvand Rud in ordet to curb these activities which not only violate Iran's sovereignty and territorial integrity but also the international sanctions against Iraq," Mr. Kharrazi

Tehran has repeatedly denied Western reports that it allows cross-border trade with Iraq in vinlatinn of econamic sanctions imposed by the United Nations after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990. .

That invasion caused a break between Iraq and conservative Gulf Arab states which had backed it in its 1980-88 war with Iran. "It is true that some coun-

tries of the region are trying to cause tension in Iran-Iraq relations," Mr. Velayati told Abrar newspaper in response to a comment that some Arab countries were trying to undermine Tehran-Baghdad

The minister named nn country, but Iran is in dispute with the United Arab Emirates over possession of three Gulf islands and with Saudi Arahia over the pilgrimage to

Palestinians to handle tourism closure, which were "for

JERICHO (Agencies) — Israeli Tourism Minister Uzi Baram said on Tuesday he expected Palesunians would take charge of tourism in the West Bank Iown of Bethlebem, birthplace of Jesus, within months.

Mr. Baram, visiting historic sites in the Palestinian selfrule area of Jericho, said he wanted to meet Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, a member of the Palestinian authority in charge of tourism, to discuss setting up joint ventures on the Dead Sea.

Asked when he believed Palestinians should take charge of tourism. Mr. Baram, a member of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's Labour Party, said: "In Bethlehem, in another few months. No mare than that."

Under a brnad peace' agreement signed in Washington last year, Israel must Iransfer control of Jourism in all of the West Bank within months from the start nf self-rule in Gaza~and Jerichn. Palestinian self-rule was launched last month. Israeli tnurism officials

estimate: that up to a million tourists visited Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity last year. By comparison, more than balf a million tourists visited Jericho's 9:000-yearold ruins. Mr. Baram said Israeli and

Palestinian businessmen were ready to begin developing hotels on the Dead Sea. He said under an Israeli-Palestine Liberation Organisatinn (PLO) economic accord negotiated in Paris, Jardan wauld also take part in developing the area for

Mr. Baram visited Jericho in a show of support for the Palestinian authority a day after his government lifted a ban nn tnurists entering the self-rule area.

Uzi Baram visited the area's historic sites accompanied by Israeli and Palesti-

nian security guards. "Jericho is a very good Inurist destination, and we would like close cooperatinn," with the Palestinians,

Mr. Baram said. He said he did not think there would be any mare

security problems and done hy the ministry of defence." For the past three weeks and until Monday, tout huses coming to Jericho were sent back by Israeli soldiers whn said Jericho was unsafe. But there have been no reports of violence in the town since the start of self-rule in mid-May.

Mnre than 500 tnurists

have poured into the small oasis since the army opened it up on Monday. "I received complaints from the Palestinians, I spoke with Rabin and we solved the

problem," Mr. Baram said. Ibrahim Jadallah, in charge of tnurism in Jerichn, welcomed Mr. Baram, nnting that the first tourists were atriving after nearly two Mr. Jadallah said 600 tnur-

ists visited Jerichn nn Mnnday and he hoped the average nf 100 buses per day would be restared soon. "We hape streams of tour-

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Mr. Ramzi had served as

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of the Omani Radio's prog-

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he joined the London-

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casting Centre (MBC) and

served as its director gener-

al until his appointment in

Also Tuesday the gov-

ernment announced its

acceptance of the resigna-

tion of Abdul Salam

Tarawneh who was serving

as advisor at the informa-

tion ministry to become

Mr. Khreisat, a former

editor of Sawt Al Shaab.

president of Jordan Press

ness Princess Basma Tuesday chairs a ing women's training and rehabilitation meeting of the Amman Inner Wheel Club programmes to enable them to support to discuss the club's programmes, protheir family income. The Inner Wheel jects and future plans. The Princess is the Club conducts projects benefiting poor Automotive controller honorary president of the club. The club's families throughout the country. The administrative committee members, who club's administrative committee includes met with Princess Basma at the Queen Ayna Al Tayeh, Ilham Ghantous, Jane Alia Fund for Social Development (QAF). Dallal, Anas Saket, Nuha Azzam, Fatima stressed the importance of developing Abu Jaber and Rima Jallad (Petra photo) cooperation with OAF in the area of social

AMMAN (J.T.) - The

government Tuesday

announced changes in the

information services.

appointing Chief Editor of

Sawt Al Shaab daily

Hashem Khreisat as direc-

tor of Radio Jordan, and

oppointing the outgoing

director Fayez Qudah as

The government is the

majority shareholder in this

Arabic daily, which has

been suffering financial los-

The Council of Ministers

on June 14 had announced

the appointment of Ihsan

Ramzi as director general

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VOLUNTEER WORK. Her Royal High- voluntary work, particularly in develop-

Hashem Khreisat to head radio

editor of Al Dustour daily. The announcement came at the end of a regular Cabinet session chaired by Acting Prime Minister

worked for many years in Al Ra'i Arabic daily, and

Mr. Tarawneh, a former official at Radio Jordan,

had in 1988 and 1989 been

Thougan Hindawi. The statements said the government has appointed Husam Abu Ghazaleh, Jordan's ambassador to Austria, to serve also as the Kingdom's non-resident

ambassador to Slovakia. The government gave its consent to a request by Al Farid establishment to issue a weekly periodical under the title of Hawadeth Al Sa'aa (events of the

Association (JPA), had resigned earlier this year.

Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Mohammad Adwan Tuesday briefs a visiting World develop its tourism industry (Petra photo)

World Bank pledges \$500,000 to tourism development

AMMAN (Petra) — A World Bank delegation, currently on a visit to Jordan, Sunday pledged \$500,000 to support studies and plans to develop the tourism sector in

The delegation memhers, who met with Tourism and Antiquities Minister Mohammad Adwan, promised to provide assistance to Jordan to help it develop and promote traditional industries as a means of supporting income and providing job opportuni-

Dr. Adwan briefed the group on Jordan's tourist attractions and explained that tourism is one of the countries' major industries in providing job opportunities and to encourage tourism-related supporting income and in helping to solve many econo-

mic and social problems. The minister said a comprehensive peace should have a great impact on the various sectors in the region, adding that tourism will be one of the sectors most affected by

He stressed that the government directs special attention to the tourism sector and works diligently to further develop it.

Dr. Adwan emphasised the importance of cooperation vate sectors and the ongoing consultation on the best ways

He said the ministry provides an official umbrella for the private and public sectors to work out a national tourist policy designed to encourage

He added that the ministry also seeks to update legislation and rules to encourage

investments in tourism. The delegation expressed its readiness to present an integrated work plan, designed to attract and encourage tourism investments in

The meeting was attended by the Ministry Secretary General Ghassan Al Mufleh.

between the public and pri-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Palestinian envoy decorated

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Al Hassan Tuesday decorated Palestinian Ambassador in Amman Hussein. The decoration took place during a his tour of duty in Jordan.

Music academy graduate first class

AMMAN (Petra) — Deputising for Her

Majesty Queen Noor, Minister of Higher Education Rateb Al Saoud Tuesday attended the graduation ceremony of the first class of students from the Jordanian Music Academy. Dr. Saoud presented certificates to the 14 Al Tayyeb Abdul Rahim with Jordan's Indegraduates who completed four years of post pendence Medal of the First Order, which was secondary education in music. The academy conferred upon him by His Majesty King was established in 1989 to promote musical awareness and prepare specialised musicians. luncheon hosted by Mr. Al Hassan to honour Attending the graduation ceremony were the ambassador on the occasion of the end of chairmen and members of the academy's board of directors and trustees, the academy's dean and the teaching staff, in addition to

Irbid road accident death toll rises to 29

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The death toll from Monday's tragic road accident in Irbid has risen to 29, a Civil Defence Department report said.

Four more people died in Irbid and Amman hospitals Tuesday as a result of injuries sustained in a collision between two buses and a tractor on the Amman-Irbid road over Al Naimeh intersection.

The dead include: Salem Ahu Hashem (42), Manal Farhan (23), Majd Murad (6), Mohammad Murad (8), Bassam Rousan (36) hus driver —, Sultan Bani Hani (30) — bus driver —, Ahmad Jaradat (50) tractor driver — Han'a Nimri (25), Saoud Ma'aytah (18), Ali Mustafa (15), Hassan Rousan (60), Samira Sarhan (40), Mahmoud Yousef (10),

'Dry land

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By a Jordan Times

Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Because dry

land deterioration, a five-day

regional seminar will seek to

draft a strategy for sustain-

able agricultural develop-

ment in semi-arid and dry

areas, according to the Minis-

Abdul Muti Tillawi from

the ministry's Information

Department told the Jordan

Times that the meeting, sche-

duled to start on July 3, and

organised by the United Na-tions Food and Agriculture

Organisation (FAO) regional

centre, is expected to be

attended by representatives

The 180 delegates will dis-

cuss and review experiments

by their countries in agri-

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examine preparations for an

food to be held in 1996, as

well as measures to combat

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A document to be submit-

ted to the participants for

study points out that dry

lands in the Near East region

have been exposed to severe

strain and have deteriorated

because of the lack of natural

resources, particularly water, according to Mr. Tillawi.

on the countries of the region to draw up an integrated

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Near East region, Mr. Tillawi

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Nariman Suleiman (21). Reem Abu Aoun (22), Bassem Abu Ni'meh (30), Mohammad Obeidat (20). Khuloud Dababneh (24), Ahmad A.M. Khatib (28), Akram Faram (42), Iman Sahouri (20), Lamis Mirshed (40), Huda Mousa (40), Issam Btoush (25), Khuloud Nasser (40), Aydah Hussein (3), Suzan Ayash, Rasmi Yousef and

one woman who was not

yet identified. The accident was one of the worst in the Kingdom. Preliminary investigations by the Traffic Department showed that the driver of the tractor was driving on the right hand side of the road and started turning left to make a U-turn. The hus driver that was driving to the tractor's left side, according to Traffic Department sources, steered to the left in an attempt to

avoid the tractor.

At the same time another bus was coming from the other direction.

The three vebicles met head on. The accident killed 29 people and injured another 94.

Nasser Zubi, director of Princess Basma Hospital where 33 casualties were admitted, told the Jordan Times that the hospital received six patients from Rosary Hospital in Irhid and 10 victims left hospital.

"We have few critical cases and some people are in the intensive care unit (ICU), hopefully they will survive, said Dr. Zuhi.

He said the hospital was on full alert since learning of the accident, adding that the local community also contributed in saving lives by donating blood.

Ibn Nafis Hospital received 19 casualties and four dead. A hospital offi-

cial told the Jordan Times that five people left hospital and five serious cases were transferred to Princess Basma and Prince

Rashed hospitals. The Rosary Hospital received 29 casualties and six dead. A hospital official said the critical cases were transferred to other hospitals and three people are still being treated.

Most of the remaining injured were taken to Prince Rashed Military Hospital.

Hospital officials declined to release any information.

The secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Road Accidents, Lina Sbebeib, told the Jordan Times that the society will launch an investigation to determine the cause of the accident. She added that the society is trying to contact the Traffic Department to cooperate in finding ways to prevent such disastrous accidents from occurring.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, who visited victims of the accident Monday evening, paid more visits Tuesday to the hospitals caring for the injured. The Regent spoke to several patients wishing them a speedy recovery.

Toll rises to 32

Jordan Television reported late Tuesday that the number of dead from Monday'a road accident in Irbid has risen to 32. The names of the three additional deceased were not immediately avail-

2-day work safety seminar opens Occupational injuries double in 10 years

By Elia Nasrallab Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Occupational injuries over the past decade more than doubled from 6,012 in 1984 to 13,868 in 1993 while deaths resulting from workshop and factory accidents rose to 63 in 1993 from 32 in 1984, according to Minister of Laboor Khaled Ghzawi.

Addressing the opening session of a two-day meeting on occupational safety, organised at the Amman Chamber of Industry by the Vocational Training Cor-poration (VTC), the minister said the number of injuries and deaths among workers rose with the growth of industry and businesses in the country over the past 10 years and cost Jordan nearly JD 6.5 million rising to some JD 1g million in 1993.

With the tremendous industrial and economic development came significant growth in automation, the number of businesses and crease in the number of related accidents, said Mr. Ghzawi. To help instruct workers

on taking precautionary safety measures at factories, the VTC has created the Occupational Safety and Health Institute (OSHI); the Social Security Corporation (SSC) covers the cost of treatment and pays workers compensation in case of injury and disability, said Mr. Ghzawi.

Vocational Training Corporation Direc- opening session of a two-day occupational tor General Ahmad Atwan addresses the safety seminar (Petra photo)

OSHI, working in cooperation with Lakeland College in the Canadian province of Alberta, has launched a four-year project which started in 1993 to promote OSHI and VTC services to workers in Jordan, according to Jean Devlin, first secretary of the Canadian embassy in Am-

Mr. Devlin told the Jordan Times that the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) is funding the project, and, together with OSHI and Lakeland College experts, is sponsoring its implementation.

Abmad Atwan told the opening session that his office has created 16 training centres for men and 12 vocational training centres for women and set up three occupational safety and health training centres. Mr. Atwan said that by

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the end of 1993 the VTC centres had trained 88,000 workers through long and short term courses.

Organised in cooperation with the Industrial Development Bank and the SSC, the seminar is designed to raise the concerned parties' level of interest in occupational safety measures and to promote cooperation between the local and international organisatioos in workers

Dr. Atwan said several experts from Canada and Jordan will address the participants who will review a number of working papers.

The opening session was attended by representatives of several concerned government departments, the Armed Forces, the Civil Defence Department (CDD), Jordanian universities, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and other institu-

Transport sector calls for 'land ports' to organise activities for truck fleets

AMMAN (Petra) — Participants in a two-day meeting ers, the delegates will study the FAO regional offices reon promoting the transport sector Tuesday issued a set of recommendations calling for, on food and nutrition in the among other things, the creation of a "land port" in Amman and the other governo-The meetings will be held at the Forte Grand Hotel in rates within an integrated plan to organise the activities Amman and will also be of land transport fleets.

A statement containing the recommendations called on the government to allow the private sector to set up major transport firms by merging the small transport companies and introducing a ratings and classification system with rules governing transport companies' operations with a view to raising the standard of services and promoting internal and exter-

The statement at the final session called for the creation of a data bank at the Ministry of Transportation to provide information to investors and organise land transport op-

The participants, who represented public departments and transport unions as well as transport companies operating in Jordan, called on the government to conduct a comprehensive examination of legislations and regulations governing the transport sector and to speed up work on the creation of a proposed higher council for transport. They also urged the gov-

ernment to re-examine the set of charge rates on transporting goods, taking into account the actual operational costs and allowing for reasonable margins of profit for investors in the transport sector.

In addition, the participants urged the government to create an opportune climate for investors to launch ventures in the transport secexemptions from duty on equipment similar to other economic projects.

They asked the government to re-examine Jordan's agreements on land transport with neighbouring countries in a manner that would offer Jordanian truck owners a better competitive position. .

Transport Minister Samir Kawar had told the opening session that Jordan's 9,000truck fleet incurred losses estimated at \$500 million because of a decline in transport activities since the Gulf crisis began in August 1990.

WHAT'S GOING ON

WORLD CUP USA 1994

Arabic language video series of World Cup football matches entitled "World Cup USA 1994" at the American Center Auditorium (4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.).

☆ Concert at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8:00 p.m.

☆ Film in English entitled "The Treasure of Amadra" at the Phoenix Gallery for Art and Culture at 7:00 p.m.

THIRD YOUTH THEATRE FESTIVAL

Drama in Arabic entitled "There...on the Other Side of the Shore" at the Royal Cultural Centre at 7:30 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

the Phoenix Gallery for Art and Culture (Tel. 695291). ★ Exhibition by artist Bishara Al Najjar at the Orient

☆ Exhibition of oil paintings by artist Muhammad Abu

☆ Exhibition by artists Hassan Abboud and Hadi Sa'id at Gallery for Fine Arts, Gardens Str. (Tel. 698513).

- Zraiq at Baladna Art Gallery (Tel. 687598).
- * Exhibition of Jordanian-made furniture at the Jordan Inter.Continental Hotel (11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and 4:00-11:00 p.m.). ☆ Plastic art exhibition by Abdullah Abu Asali and Issam
- Nseirat at the Royal Cultural Centre. ☆ Painting exhibition by Iraql painters "The Pioneers
- ' at Al Ain Art Gallery Wadi Sagra (Tel. ☆ Painting exhibition by Naila Deeb at the Goethe-Institut.
- Art exhibition entitled "The Form and Colour in the Arab Art Exhibition" by 16 artists from Jordan and Iraq at the Spanish Cultural Centre.
- ☆ Exhibition by artist Mohammad Fradi at the Orfali Art Gallery in Umm Utheina (Tel. 826932).
- ☆ Exhibition on the development of "Le Louvre" at the
- French Cultural Centre. ☆ Painting exhibition by artist George Bahjouri at Al Balqa
- Art Gallery (Tel. 720677). ☆ Painting exhibition by Jordanian artist Abdul Ra'uf Sham'oun at Darat Al Funun of the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation in Jabal Luweibdeh. Also showing 'permanent" exhibition of 56 Arab contemporary artists (Tel. 643251/2).

ACC loans farmers JD 5.5m

AMMAN (Petra) — The Agricultural Credit Corporalion (ACC) has granted JD 5.5 million in loans to 2,050 farmers during the first six months of this year, according to the ACC Direclor General Mohammad Abdul Salam Arabiyat. Mr. Arabiyat said that

more than 80 per cent of these loans went to small farmers in the various parts of the country.

In a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Mr. Arabiyat said the ACC has introduced a credit scheme for rural families supported by women. The scheme, he said, aims to diversify sources of family income, increase agricultural production, and provide jobs

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Compromise high on scale

NEGOTIATIONS ON the Syrian-Israeli track have entered, according to American officials, a "substantive stage." While only a few people seem to know how "substantive" these negotiations have become, especially in the absence of formal and open talks between the two sides, it seems that behind-the-scenes deliberations, sponsored by the U.S. no doubt, are indeed taking place. Yet the talks seem to be still bogged down, explaining the postponement of a trip to the region by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christ-

The declared positions of the two sides are far from reflecting the complexity of the situation they are in. While Israel sometimes hints that it is: ready to pull out of the Golan Heights for a full peace with Syria, the latter maintains that Israel's commitment to withdrawal should precede any talk of normalisation of relations. On the other hand, while the U.S. is working to bridge the gap between the two countries and nudge them to sign a declaration of principles, they appear to be perpetually engaged in a game of brinksmanship that goes beyond the immediate issue of the occupied Golan Heights.

Israel does not just seek normal relations with Syria and certainly does not want to see these relations serving to improve Syria's ties with the U.S. From Syria's point of view, good relations with the U.S., the only superpower left in today's world, are more important than normal ties with Israel, which remains merely a regional power.

Syria knows that it will take a long time to alter or offset the strategic alliance between the U.S. and Israel. But if peace is vital for American interests in the area, then Syria, Syrian leaders think, is as important to U.S. strategic interests. as Israel is, if not more, given Syria's position and role in the Arab World and its relations with Iran. That is why perhaps Damascus appears more engaged at the moment in negotiations with the U.S. than with Israel.

Israel; in the meanwhile, gleeful at the failings of the west's Arab allies, would not want to see a Syria assuming a leading role in the regional affairs of the Middle East. Israel is therefore willing to accept a Syrian role in Lebanon, but no

In all cases, the U.S. realises the stabilising role that a Syria which is at peace with Israel can play in the whole region. Whether the U.S. would finally choose to accept Syria's yearnings or Israeli protestations will become clear only when Washington makes its next move in the region, which is expected to take place sometime in July.

Only last week the Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, flexing muscles on a visit to the Golan, warned Syria by claiming that Damascus was acquiring sophisticated North Korean missiles. The U.S. did not react to Rabin's claims. This indicates that the Americans would not condone Tel Aviv's new allegation nor condemn Damascus' alleged acquisition of weapons. That further points to the U.S. weighing its options and positioning itself to lure both parties into a compromise.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour Tuesday criticised Turkey and other Muslim countries which offer the Iraqis lip service and take no practical steps to end the embargo. We hear the Turks announcing their desire to flush the oil in the pipeline ronning to Turkey from the Iraqi oil fields so that the revenues could be used to buy food and medicine for the Iraqi people, said Mohammad Kawash. This is a small and timid gesture that can by no means end the suffering of the Iraqi women and children, said the writer. What is required is a more daring and courageous step at the political level and a clear decision from Ankara to end the sanctions on Iraq, said the writer. He said many Islamie countries and some of the Arab states want to see an end to the Iraqi people's sufferings but they are afraid to take any step in that direction. Furthermore, be said, certain Arab states are encouraging the United States to maintain the embargo on the Iraqi brothers at a time when we notice that European nations are launching contacts with Baghdad to deal with Iraq in trade and economic fields once the sanctions have been lifted.

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour addressed the issue of drug abuse in Jordan, citing official figures, which say that between 6000 and 7000 are addicted to some kind of drugs. For years, we have been falsely reassuring ourselves that Jordan is free of drug addicts but suddenly we are told that we have so many young people who take drugs, said Mohammad Daoud. The writer said that according to the official figures, many of the drug addicts or users are non-Jordanians living in the country. The time has come for the government to reexamine measures for allowing non-Jordanian workers to be employed in the Kingdom not only because they deprive the local residents of job. opportunities but also because they bring in or help to spread the use of harmful drugs among the young, said the writer. He said that by taking drastic action against the non-Jordanian drug abusers and by adopting more efficient methods to deal with the drug issue at the national level, the country would become a safer place for people to live

Israelis face an unpalatable truth

By G. H. Jansen

A VERY spinted debate has been going on in Israel on a fundamental issue: the reason for the creation of the Jewish state, sparked by statements made by no less a person than the President of Israel, Ezer Weiz-

The president was addressing gatherings in Jerusalem of two organisa-tions of "diaspora" Jews, the Jewish Agency and United Jewish Appeal, which have made great contribu-tions to the establishing of Israel — political, diplomatic and, particularly, financial — without which the state may have never come into existence (of which the present day Israelis do not like being reminded).

The president, who was a dashing fighter pilot in the R.A.F. during World War II. told the audience some very unpalatable truths. That as Jews, and Zionist Jews, they should not be living in the "diaspora" outside Israel, but should make "Aliya", emigrate to the Jewish state. And that tbe ultimate objective of Israel was to complete the process of "the ingathening of the exiles" by having all of the Jews in all of the world, about 15 million of

them, settled in Israel.

The president went on to say that he knew his audience would not like what

he said but that he was not going to apologise for his words or change his opinion. Sticking to his guns he said that he recognised the fact of the "diaspora," that Jewish communities had settled elsewhere, but that. as he put it; he could not "legitimise" the diaspora: Meaning that he could not approve of the fact of its

The president knew ex-actly what the angry reac-tion to his words would be from the "diaspora" Jews. who quite simply rejected them, because his views had been expressed by David Ben Gurion, the first prime minister of Israel, soon after the establishment of the state by which time it bad already become clear that while Jews from many parts of the world would go to Israel very few would do so from Europe or America. Being a tough and forthright man Ben Gurion went further and said that those calling themselves Jews who did not settle in Israel were really not Jews at all.

The uproar caused by Ben Gunon's words was tremendous and understandable because he had accused the "diaspora" Jews of only rendering lip service to the Zionist cause, and this soon after a period during which they. especially the Jews in the U.S. have laboured might-ily on behalf of the young Jewish state, particularly financially, over the years. amounting to billions and billions of dollars.

Such was the uproar that even Ben Gurion kept silent on this issue thereaf-

The "diaspora" Jews were and are particularly sensitive to the challenge or taunt in the words of Ben Gurion and President. Weizman because the immigration figures of Jews into Palestine, and now Israel, prove irrefulably that even Zionist Jews were not drawn irresistably to Zion, their "Promised Land" by the strength of their Zionist fervour. And that, instead, those figures increased only when the Jews in the "diaspora" were shoved, impelled, booted into the "Promised Land" by anti-Jewish forces in central and east-

For many years and even centuries. Jews entered Zion only in thin trickles even when the gates to the "Promised Land" were open or half-open; as for instance during the long period of Ottoman rule. The Ottomans did not favour Jews settling in Palestine, though they did not mind them settling in Turkey itself, because they brought in money and enterprise. They did not encourage Jews to go to Palestine not because they were Jews but because they were East European "agitators." In any case Jews ware always able to bribe their way into Ottoman territories. (Indeed, the founding father of Israel, Theodor Herzl, used the "agitators" as an argument

with the rulers of Europe to

gain their support for a Jewish state — that such a

state would drain-off their

dangerous Jewish agitators

and terronists).

There was no great rush of Jews into Palestine even wide open for them by Britisb bayonets during the time of the post-World War I British mandate - which was the stated purpose of that mandate. The reluctance of Western Jews, like the present day members of the United Jewish Appeal, to go to Palestine/Israel was and is perfectly understandable: They have prospered wherever they settled and did not and do not want to exchange their comfortable existence for a new and possibly much less comfortable existence.

Even the Jews of Eastern Europe who in the past led hard lives as peasants or artisans in Poland and Russia did not want to become Asian peasants toiling in a hot country like Palestine. The idea of Ezer Weiz-

man, whose nucle was the first president of Israel, of a total ingathering of all Jews into Israel, is immensely dangerous because if all of world Jewry were to be squeezed into the narrow confines of Israel/Palestine they must inevitably expand — explode outwards in wars over land and

And dangerous, too, for Israel because if all U.S. Jews emigrate to Israel that would mean the end of the American/Zionist lobby wbich at present maintains an iron grip on U.S. policy in the Middle East and keeps sipboning billions of dollars out of the U.S. and into Israel.

And there is one group of Jews that the Israelis should not and increasingly

do not want to immigrate into Israel — the zealots from the U.S. who are bigoted and violent, unlike the Jews from eastern

Europe.
The Israeli-diaspora controversy started by Weizman's statement was kept alive by remarks from Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin and rising star in Israel's political ferment, when he said that "diaspora" organisations like the United Jewish Appeal should be wound up or given another focus. That they should help "diaspora" Jews to become better Jews where they are rather than to come Israeli Jews, who after 40 years did not need chanty from abroad.

Weizman's calls for "diaspora" Jews to make a total commitment to Zionism by settling in the Jewisb Zionist state and Beilin's calls for the severing of the umbilical cord between the "diaspora" and the state leave the "diaspora" Jews thoroughly confused. They now feel that Israel, and particularly its younger generation, is either taunting or despising them or is biting the hand that feeds it. This controversy, now out in the open, cannot but

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Peace dividend poses challenge for Syria

By Kate Dourian Reuter

DAMASCUS - Syria is enjoying a mini-boom as a result of economic liberalisation policies but some wonder if it is ready for the economic challenges that peace in the region would

bring.
"Syria is a bit worried about the peace process be-cause it is not yet ready for the competition of open borders and free trade. They have some way to go yet." a diplomat said.

Another diplomat quoted a Syrian official as saying tbat Syria was aware that peace would bring an end to tbe political struggle and the beginning of an economic struggle.

After the Palestine Li-

beration Organisation (PLO) signed the broadbased self-rule accord with Israel last September, Syria and Lebanon moved to set up a common market to stand up to Israeli penetration of Arab markets.

The Syrian economy is in the early stages of reaping the benefits of reforms that are gradually erasing the Soviet-style centralisation and nationalisations of the

The World Bank estimates the Syrian economy grew at an average rate of seven to eight per cent dur-ing 1990-1992, helped by a growing agricultural sector and a rise in oil production. Syrian Finance Minister Khaled Mahayni said re-

cently that oil exports accounted for 54 per cent of revenue. Oil production has quadrupled from 150,000 barrels per day (BPD) in the mid 1980s to 580,000 BPD at the end of 1992. Defence spending

accounts for roughly half of Syria's budget allocations. The latest budget passed by parliament this month for 1994 earmarked 44 per cent of revenue set at 144 million Syrian pounds (\$3.4 billion) for defence and security.

Syria's central bank governor said last year that Syria could save 75 per cent of government expenditure which it now allocates to defence if and when peace

Recent monetary and foreign exchange reforms as well as a new investment law have revived private sector participation in the

*economy. The ministry of trade says the private sector accounted for 60 per cent of total trade in 1993, compared with 30 per cent in

mid-1980s. But Syrian exporters who once relied on trade with the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe are finding it hard to compete in other markets.

A recent proposal to apply a single foreign exchange rate to imports and exports is expected to encourage more private sector exports. This would set the Syrian pound's value against the dollar at the 'offshore rate" of 42

pounds. There have been other moves to gradually abolish the multi-tiered exchange rate but there is still no date for a full flotation and a foreign exchange shortage persists.

Diplomats say another problem for the economy is that wealth is not evenly distributed despite outward signs of prosperity such as luxury cars and villas. This partly explains why the government is reluctant to abolish subsidies

The expansion of the industrial base and a population growing at a rate of 3.6 per cent annually have aggravated the power and water shortages that the country is now grappling

Economic growth has also brought inflationary

In recent weeks, the government granted public sector workers a 30 per cent pay rise and hiked the price of subsidised bread and fuel. Mr. Mahayni said this would lead to a public sec-Unemployment, running

at seven per cent, is a potential problem. The World Bank estimates that up to 60 per cent of the population of nearly 15 mil-lion is under the age of 20. Strained relations with the West mean Syria still has no access to Western aid funds, which Damascus says it does not want any-

Washington has made clear to Damascus that a peace settlement with Israel would lead to deepening economic ties with the West and access to international financial institutions.

Power struggle throws Japanese politics into turmoil

By Pierre-Antoine Donnet Agence France Presse

TOKYO — The resignation of Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata has prompted a bitter power struggie in Japan, with no clear winner in sight after a weekend of manoeuvres across the fragmented political chess-

The instability - in a country known for most of the postwar era as a bastion of political calm threatens to worsen if the ruling coalition parties cannot unite and draw the Socialist Party back into the

This would restore the parliamentary majority the coalition lost two months ago, but political commentators said Sunday there were few signs of progress

towards unity. The crisis, two weeks before the Group of Seven (G-7) summit of major industrialised nations in Naples, again puts Japan in an awkward situation with its main trading partners.

Though Mr. Hata will stay on as caretaker prime minister, Japan is likely as before in the 1990s - to be represented in Naples by an inexperienced or politically fragile leader at a time when other G-7 countries will be looking to Tokyo for economic leadership in keeping with its industrial and financial might.

Despite assurances Mr. Hata gave U.S. President Bill Clinton in a telephone conversation on Sunday, the uncertainty is sure to slow negotiations between the two aimed at reducing Japan's huge surplus in trade with the U.S.

Japanese political commentators were unanimous in their view that party leaders would make quick efforts to select a new prime minister, possibly this week. That would limit the impact of the crisis on the economy, currently hit by a sharp and unwelcome rise in the value of the yen. Mr. Hata is a contender

to succeed himself. The 58year-old holder of several senior government posts before becoming prime minister two months ago has made clear his hat is in the ring. But it is by no means certain he can get a majority in the lower house.

The Social Democratic Party, which precipitated the crisis by withholding backing from Mr. Hata, is now being courted by the coalition and the opposition Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), further to the night, Bigger than any single coalition party, the Socialists appear to have the final say on the shape of a new government.

For the next government to survive, analysts said, it must be based on a durable alliance as no one party commands a majority in parliament. Mr. Hata presided over a minority cabinet after the Socialists quit the coalition on April 26.

Behind the political confusion, in many ways unprecedented since the 1950s, lies the unfinished realignment of party forces promp-ted partly by the end of the cold war and brought into the open by the election defeat of the LDP, which had previously ruled without serious challenge for 38

Yomiuri Shimbun, the largest circulation newspaper, said a main cause of the crisis was the politicians acted out of personal in-terest rather than those of the state. Parties had lost their identities and seemed incapable of setting out clear objectives, it said.

The newspaper recalled that French 18th century philosopher Montesquieu had attributed the fall of the Roman Empire to similar causes and concluded: "The same situation prevails in Japan today and to describe our political chaos as 'confusion' is to underestimate

its seriousness." Personal animosities played a considerable role in the Socialists' departure from the coalition. They and members of another former coalition party called Sakigake particularly resent the influence of Ichiro Ozawa, a former LDP heavyweight, now secretary-general of Mr. Hata's Renewal Party.

They accuse bim of being an authoritarian "shogun of the shadows" pulling the strings in an anti-democratic way behind the scenes like the shoguns, who in past centuries ruled the country in the name of the

Socialist leader Tomichi Murayama said his party was ready to form a new coalition, and even at the cost of defections from Socialist ranks, its partner could even be the LDP. which in its long reign was the target of bitter Socialist

LDP leader Yohei Kono indicated on Sunday he was open to the idea of joining a coalition with the Socialists and Sakigake.

Another scenario, according to observers, might involve the Hata coalition surviving with defectors from the two big parties outside his government, or even the disintegration of the LDP and the Socialist party. Both aiready contain competing factions.

Mr. Ozawa's strategy is based, they said, on build-ing a powerful centrist majority consisting of the present array of coalition parties and defectors from the two large parties outside coalition ranks.

LETTERS

Why expand the 'concrete jungle?'

HAVE been watching with sadness and astonishment the changes being made to the Sarh Al Shaheed (the Martyrs' Memorial).

This wounderful elegant memorial, rising from the rees, has always been a distinctive and evocative tribute to all those who died serving their country.

Now these trees, which have stood for so many years, have been cut down to make way for cement and tarmac. I do not doubt the good intentions behind these changes, but it is amazing that, in these days of heightened awareness of our surroundings, this national treature should be treated in this way. Why do we need to add to Amman's rapidly expanding concrete

What are the plans for the rest of the site?

I am sure many would join me in hoping that the planners will put in as many trees as possible.

This memorial is our heritage and we should be able to look at it with pride and pleasure to remind us of the sacrifices and the blood that was shed in honour and

> Patricia Rwattaq, Salti, Amman.

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By Mark I. Porubcansky The Associated Press

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The state of immigration of the state of the VUKOVAR, Croatia -Crumbling walls of brick The interior despote to the control of the control and mortar testify to the grim cycles of Balkan history. They stand as tombsiones over ideals of brotherhood and unity, monuments to ingrained fear and self-deception.

War that began with the secession of Slovenia and Croatia on June 25, 1991. has devoured the lives, hopes and fortunes of millions of Yugoslavs.

At least 210,000 are dead or missing, including thousands here in Vukovar. 'Ethnic cleansing' and rape as weapons of war have been added to the 20th century's host of horrors.

This land is a tangle of victimisation, self-pity and self-justification. Victimised by history, by ideology, by their leaders, people have victimised each other during the past three years in the hope of avoiding more victimisation themseives

The Balkans are the ofttrampled frontier between Byzantinium and Rome, between the Islamic Ottomans and Christian Europe - the cradle of World War and a battleground in World War II.

The people are given to a sense of self-pity and narcissim, "said Aleksa Djilas, scholar son of Milovan Djilas, the Communistturned-dissident. This selfpity is partly rooted in realty, but it's so exaggerated that it's pathological.

He described it as an inability to look criticially at one's own history."

If that is so, the consequences are numbing. Although Slovenia's secession was swift and relatively bloodless, at least 10,000 people were killed in Croatia, War still rages in Bosnia, where 200,000 are dead or missing.

Vukovar, once a city of 60.000, suffered the first extended Serb siege. Shelling reduced much of the Croat-ruled town to piles of brick and mortar, U.N. y guards now keep watch ... over what is suspected to be ··· killed after Serbs overran -Vukovar in late 1991.

What makes today's Vukovar so typical - and errifying — is the few thousand sad souls who remain, living on self-justification, monotony and no-



A Bosnian boy sees off his ill grandfather who is being evacuated by the U.N. to England from Sarajevo fAFP photo)

Yugoslav history lesson: 'do unto others' first

body-asked-me-anyhow hopelessness. Their attitudes mirror feelings all over former Yugoslavia.

To Dafina Trumic, an elderly Serb who lost two homes and even shared a cellar with Croats during the shelling. Vukovar's destruction was regrettable,.. but made perfect sense.

Parroting standard propaganda, she accused secessionist Croats of provoking the mass grave of Croats 32 trouble by attacking the Serb-dominated:: Yugoslav army, then the fifth-largest

in Europe. The army had no choice but to defend itself," she

declared. The view that Serbs have nothing to apologise for is rooted in five centuries of domination by Ottoman Turks, and the slaughter of tens of thousands by Croatian Fascists in World War

Stevan Basara, a vendor in a barren open market, said the fighting in Vukovar was the result of radical Croats using symbols of the Croatian Fascist state. Other say Serbs lost jobs as Croatian nationalists took

authority. Behind these specific is complaints stands a collective Serb national consciousness that has assumed the power of myth. When Serb politicians sounded the alarm of new repres-

being victimised again. As for the Croatians,

their view of history mirrors that of the Serbs. A sense of historical mistreatment is at the root of today's ideology: Croats suffered in Austria-Hungary, then in Serb-dominated Communist Yugoslavia, Endangered yet again, Croatia must assert itself to preserve it-

Croatia's defence minis-try estimates 3,000 Croats died in Vukovar and that 2,600 are still missing. Many thousands more are

Mr. Basara said, turn," "but in 200 years." The Serbs who "won"

Vukovar are themselves victims; suffering and spiritless in surroundings that mock their quest for a greater Serbia

A sunny spring noontime found the baroque centre of town nearly empty, except for a braying drunk wobbling on his motor bike.

Mr. Trumic and her husband, a retired army officer, live in someone else's apartment on monthly pensions equivalent to \$6 each. A duck costs \$3.60 eggs are 15 cents apiece.

On this day, Mrs. Trumic was trying to sell some dry noodles, a cheap plastic telephone and a pair of fake

levis for extra cash. In the nearby Vojvod-

Palestinian

is shot dead

(Continued from page 1)

janska Bank, the only action was a video game on tellers' computer screens. Dusty sports trophies from before the madness began shared shelf space with gleaming sbell casings from afterward.

The virulent nationalism that fed the horror in Vokovar and elsewbere was pumped through state-run media by Serb and Croat political leaders: - some sincere, some cynically manipulating -public opinion.

On either side, the mes-sage was "an ideology of a nation that is in danger, combined with disregard for others - presenting one's own case as special

and worth dying for," said Zvonimir Separovic, a former Croatian foreign minis-

ter who heads an Interna-

tional Organisation that

studies victimology. "It's a horrible curse to be a Croat," said Antun Vrdoljak, head of state radio and television in Croatia. But he added that Croats are like grass: The more they are moved down. the stronger their roots.

From such a garden. seeds of conflict blew to Bosnia-Herzegovina. A sense of victimisation, fostered in part by the world's unwillingness to help, amplified the killing there,

In the northern Bosnian

city of Tuzla, historian Salih Kulenovic said Slavic Muslims have had enough.

Many Muslims of eastern Bosnia, nearly all forced from their homes by Serbs, are descended from Muslims expelled from Western Serbia in the 19th century,

he said. "We'll never again allow anyone to change us... by force," Mr. Kulenovic said.

"We didn't deserve this." Suffering has strengthened the collective identity of Muslims and it appears that, as a result, another aggrieved nation is being created.

Bosnia's Croats also feel victimised. They and the Muslims ended a year of hostilities and agreed in Marcb to form a united front against the Serbs.

Ivan Saric, a spokesman for Croats who were surrounded by Muslims in the central town of Vitez, did not deny that Croats committed atrocities, but also said bis people were victims of a land grab by Muslims trying to make up for their

losses to the Serbs. "It was like a game of dominoes: Serbs, Muslims, and then it fell on the Croats," Mr. Saric said.

From caliphs to Communists, this is a land where people do what their leaders tell them.

"People are used to having some sort of authority." said Petar Matanovic, a Croat Roman Catholic priest in Tuzla.

Sometimes it's Communist totalitariansism. Now it's national totalitaris-

grocer who identified bimself only as Ivica struggled to understand why he was a refugee in Vitez. His blue eyes blazed and words tumbled over each other: "The little people are not

A middle-aged Croat

guilty of this, but nobody asked us. I know there are others on the other side who don't want it. But no one asked them, either."

The people of his village, including himself, weren't smart or quick enough to stop it.

"I could understand how my grandfather, who couldn't read, could be seduced to make war on someone," Ivica said. "But I can't believe people now would do it."

They did. The past and present live concurrently in the Balkans, and the future is hard to change.

Regent cautions against disorder in institutions

(Continued from page 1) great anxiety and anticipa-

My dear colleagues.

Trusting that you have acquired vast experience in Arab public life, I believe that you realise quite well that the element of trust between Arab leaderships during the last decade of our modern Arab history has weakened.

We see that the present stage is characterised with estrangement, absence of consultations and lack of coordination, particularly now that the Arab Summir meetings have been indefinitely suspended.

This situation prevails among the Arabs at a time when we witness the disintegration of nations and the breakup of blocs of countries in the post-cold war ета. It seems that whoever was behind the disintegration process is uncertain how to put together a new world order, and I fear that the remnants would serve as landmarks of the future.

What makes things worse is the emergence of a phenomenon of internal splits within the Arab countries. If we examine the map of the Arab World, we would see signs of the coming splits and divisions within the fabric of the fragile Arab entities.

The alarm is sounded daily, warning of bloody confrontations between the ruler and the ruled and of the danger of death that has ended the lives of a million

The danger reaches far beyond the sounding of the alarm since we have started to witness a weakness in the national affiliation in the footsteps of the pan-Arab loyalty. This weakness has extended to pan-Arab organisations at the Arab League level and within its special-

ised organisations at a time when preparations are under way for next year's celebration of the Arab League's 50th anniversary. The Arab League is the last living symbol of Arab and Islamic unity and there-

fore it is incumbent on us to

work out a plan for our

aspired-for future. We are

not enemies of the future. l am announcing all this 20 years after the Rabat summit conference and as our Palestinian brothers represented by the Palesune Liberation Organisation (PLO) have started creating a selfrule in Gaza and Jericho following arduous and tiring negotiations with an bstinate foe. The Palestinians are now facing a situation of want and they are in need of assistance. Our duty calls on us not to leave them alone suffering

At a time when we witness a population growth, and a decline in resources we should live up to our commitment and trust and open a frank dialogue amongst ourselves, knowing well that we are all facing a difficult stage in which we will face social injustice sweeping the masses of the Arab Nation at all levels... the human rights level... dignity... the rule of the law...

and struggling by themselves.

eligibility and self-sustaining. We should lay down the foundation of values and virtues to counter the forces of might and the tendency by people to make overnight We ought to take action,

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This calls on us to trans-

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especially as we see that violence has become rampant at the expense of governance, and we see people shunning dialogue, shura and plural-

We are all sons of the same nation since the dawn of Islam and we all belong to this dear Arab Nation, which has borne the mission of Islam to all nations.

I am not revealing a secret by saying that frustration. pessimism and despair that have permeated our souls have formed a fertile ground for violence in the absence of social justice for all.

It is social justice that the masses seek and not social

It is because of this situation that hopes are pinned on your forum to move us back from the edge of the precipice and to reestablish a base for hope and joy in a fruitful future in which all citizens can participate in the process of creativity and innovation, and affiliation to

the Arab Nation. Otherwise - God forbid we will find ourselves only a segment of a region for which plans have already been laid to the detriment of our interests and our national

nation, you have no alterna-

tive but to face the challenge and to contribute positively

in shaping the future.
It is a duty for all of us as groups and not individuals to act now because you all agree with me that all of our universities and academies should be made aware of their responsibilities.

The breach has widened and our enemies have been targetting our reputation, our history and identity as we see that our adversaries consider us as symbols of extremism and their future foes and enemies of democracy and that we are a liability to the world.

Displaced persons and refugees come mostly from the Muslim World whose coffers have been depleted and wo are staggering under the yoke of foreign indebtedness.

The time factor is no more on our side and therefore it is your duty in this forum and other Arab fora to revive the Arab renaissance so that the Arab Nation would not remain a prisoner of today's tragedy. Otherwise, we

would find ourselves divided. We have to be objective, honest and committed. We should rise above the minor issues when addressing the nation's questions.

This can only be achieved through generous and dedicated work to ensure solidarity among Arab countries. Should we face enormous difficulties in the course of performing our mission, then we have only to follow the good example of our Prophet who, whenever faced with adversity had always resorted

Being the wisemen of the

on prisoners and refugees. Palestinians in the West Some 7,000 Palestinians remain in jail despite the release of between 3,000 and 4,000 since self-rule began.

to God for help.

prisoners by June 8 but many Gen. Rothschild did not rule refused to renounce violence "We analysed the problems of the rest of the 5,000 prisoners still not released,"

Israel was set to free 5,000

More talks were expected Dr. Shaath said it had been been raised. agreed to set up committees

ing the charge is often used as a cover in personal feuds. In Jerusalem, searches were launched after the assailant fled from the stabbing attack in East Jerusalem's Neve Yaacov neigh-

bourhood to a nearby Arab village, Dariar Al Barid, city police said. Police were investigating whether the motive was criminal or due to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, It was the first serious stabbing in the city since the start of Palestinian autonomy in

> Jerusalem police commander Arieh Amit said the assailant ambushed the Isracli, surprising him from behind.

Gaza and Jericho.

Hebron measures

Israel's army chief said on Tuesday the military had begun 10 implement recommendations by the Israeli inquiry into the Hebron mosque massacre on protecting Muslim worshippers.

"We have started to build the room in which weapons will be deposited (and) to deal with the subject of separate entrances for members of the two faiths" into the Ibrahimi Mosque, Lieutenant-General Ehud Barak told Israel Radio.

Banning arms and segregating Jews and Arabs in the shrine holy to Islam and Judaism were two of the main recommendations of a report issued on Sunday on the Feb. 25 massacre by a Jewish settler of more than 30 Muslims at prayer. Armed Israelis had been

allowed to enter the shrine. Palestinians in the occupied territories are banned from carrying weapons. Gen. Barak said a new

closed-circuit television system would be installed at the site and partitions erected. "All these things take time to build. We are putting the finishing touches to the programme and will bring the matter to the defence minister and then to the govern-ment for approval," he said. | liamentary delegation ae-ment for approval," he said. | cused Moscow of supplying

Red-Dead canal — a priority water into the Dead Sea ev-

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would like to have a firm and clear idea of where Israel stood on the project. "True they have informed the multilateral group that it has been shelved, but they have not told us so on a bilateral level," he said.

The Jordanian -proposal, prepared in utmost secrecy in the early 80s to counter Israel's Med-Dead canal proposal, calls for raising the level of the Dead Sea to its historic level, which has gone down to 406 metres from 392 metres below sea level.

Dr. Haddadin noted that it meant restoring the ecological features of the area. He pointed out that when the level of the Dead Sea is raised, theo seepage from surrounding aquifers into the Dead Sea would stop. And the use of aquifers would be substained. But then that is only one

espect of the project. The first part of the 270kilometre linkage will be huge pipes tapping the Red Sea water running up 70 kilometres to the Gharandal divide, 220 metres above sealevel. From that point, where the Dead Sea drainage basin begins, the water would flow through an open canal into the Dead Sea by gravity as opposed to the pumped flow through the pipelines. Given the fact that the

water will run through a terrain with a drop of nearly 620 metres (the 392-metre drop

to the Dead Sea added to the 220 metres at Ghrandal) hydroelectric tubines will be in-

stalled on its way, From Gharandal, the seawater can be run under gravity pressure for natural desalination through reversed osmosis to get sweet water without involving the use of power, Dr. Haddadin said.

The desalinated water will be pumped for domestic, industrial and watering livestock by Jordanians, Palestinians and Israelis under specific arrangements. "We realise that Jordan,

Israel and Palestine the riparians of the Dead Sea," and, as such all the direct outputs of the projects will have to be shared among the three, Dr. Haddadin said. Lagoons will be built on

the sides of the pipeline/canal to store water for peaktime power generation. "You cannot store electric power but you can always store water to run turbines to produce energy." Dr. Haddadin pointed

The same lagoons could be used for aquaculture and for tourism development purposes, he added.

"The project will not be or cannot be discussed in isolation from the concept of integrated development," Haddadin stressed. "It will be part of a package for economic and social development in the Jordan Rift Val-

Dr. Haddadin expects that the canal could bring in up to 1.8 billion cubic metres of

weapons to southern forces and Saudi Arabia of financing the deals.

"Some of our neighbouring countries are paying the bills for the supply of arms to the south by Russia," said Mohammad Naji, one of the three members on the delega-

In response to reporters' questions, Mr. Naji added included Saudi Arabia.

On the warfront, northern Yemeni forees battered Aden's defences on Tuesday in a fresh bid to cutoff and ery year for the first 10 years so as to meet the need to raise the level of the reservoir. Thereafter, the quantity could be reduced to one billion cubic metres.

While no definite figures are drawn up since they depend on the size of plants to be set up. Dr. Haddadin estimates that up to 40 per cent of this quantity could be desalinated if desired.

When Jordan drew up the study in the early 80s. it was estimated that it would cost JD360 million (about \$1 billion at the then exchange

Dr. Haddadin said that at today's prices, the project could cost between \$2 billion and \$3 billion -- "the price of two fighter jets every year for the next 10 years.

While no definite ideas have been crystallised on financing, Dr. Haddadin's comment appeared to imply that, with peace prevailing in the region, the U.S., which is extending more than \$3 billion in military aid alone to the region, could easily divert part of that assistance to the project.

One of the concerns expressed is how the project would affect the Arab Potash Company (APC) and its extraction facilities on the shores of the Dcad Sea.

Dr. Haddadin said the project involves the raising of the dvkes of the APC to protect the company's salt pans and carnalite pans against the

higher water level.

Saleh warns against intervention

(Continued from page 1) harming us and interfering in our internal affairs," Mr.

Saich said. Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states have tilted towards the south largely because of lingering resentment over Yemeni sympathy with Iraq in the 1990-91 Gulf war.

Saudi Arabia is also locked in a border dispute with Yemen that countries he referred to dating back to their 1930s In Amman, a Yemeni par-

control some of their southern foes' key facilities, officials said.

"It has been like this for the past few days... they advance and we push them back. They are trying it again now," the official told Reuters in Aden. Living conditions inside

the port city are deteriorating, with residents trying to dig wells to ease an increasingly acute water shortage (see page 2). The focus of the northern

assaults is a coastal road lead. ing west from Aden to suburb called Little Aden:

Israel-PLO talks resume

(Continued from page 1) Paris with Mr. Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon

Speculation about the date and Jerieho on May 18. Many Palestinians believe the 24member self-rule government can only start functioning once Mr. Arafat takes charge

has been running high since Israel withdrew from Gaza

on the ground. Israel and the PLO agreed

to deal with the remaining problems in implementing self-rule in Gaza and Jericho. Among the disputed issues are the scope of prisoner

releases and work permits for Palestinians in Israel. General Danny Rothschild, Israel's coordinator of policy for the occupied lands, said he and Dr. Sbaath discussed an agenda and venue

for detailed negotiations on

transferring authority to the

Bank. Tuesday to form a committee Initially, the handover was to be limited to five areas education, health, welfare.* tourism and taxation - but

> out that other fields could be included. We made a real assessment on security, economical and other civilian areas," Dr. Shaath told reporters.

Dr. Shaath said. The Palestinian businessman said the question of control of border crossings into Gaza and Jericho had also

Bloodied but unbowed, central banks still lurk

LONDON (R) - Financial authorities other than the Bank of Japan have kept a low profile on the foreign exchanges since Friday's mauling, but some traders detect the hand of central banks in the dollar's rise since Monday.

"Friday was a good example of bow not to intervene to support a currency," Philip Shaw, group economist at merchant bank Union PLC. said Tuesday, referring to the \$3 billion of dollar-buying by 17 central banks.

"But 1 wouldn't be surprised if the dollar has been getting some covert support from central banks," he added.

The dollar was up a pfenning and half a yen from Monday's European close at 1.5890 marks and 100.50 yen on Tuesday.

Friday's coordinated round of high-profile central bank dollar-buying was a dismal failure and within an hour the dollar was back below levels seen before the intervention

took place.

The intervention failed because traders were either square or only slightly short of dollars. If the banks want to spring a "bear-trap" they have to wait until the market is confident enough to take out bigger short dollar positions, analysts said.

While a fresh round of visible central bank action is possible abead of the July 8-10 Group of Seven (G-7) meeting, some analysts said the dollar is likely to bold around current levels for

They also noted that at end of the half-year traders will be anxious to square positions and given the threat of central bank intervention,

"It's not worth being a hero in this kind of markets," said David Coleman, treas-ury adviser at Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

But he thought the central banks might decide to keep out of the market for the time being. "Sometimes the threat

of intervention is more potent than actually taking the plunge and doing it."

The foreign exchange market is awaiting a raft of potentially market-moving news next week with the U.S. Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC), Bundesbank and (G-7) meetings all

"Directives coming out of the G-7 meeting will probably emphasise the need for stable exchange rates and say that G-7 will work together to that end," union's Shaw said. "But whether that would bave any lasting impact remains to be seen.

While some believe the dollar will remain becalmed ahead of G-7, others are not

"This is the calm before the storm," siad Adrian Cunningham, senior currency economist at UBs. "1 reckon the market will test key resistance on the upside against both the mark an the ven and then take another crack on the downside "

He said Friday's interven-tion appeared half-hearted as far as the Bundesbank's role was concerned and felt the central banks had only limited objectives.

He also thought a rise in U.S. interest rates at the FOMC meeting and/or a cut in official rates at the Bundesbank meeting was unlikely so the dollar would again move lower.

"As a result, before the end of the week we will see selling pressure coming through and that will be met by intervention and much more aggressive verbal intervention by the U.S. authorities," he added.

Dollar slides again

The dollar slid again against the yen Tuesday afternoon on the London foreign exchange market, despite intervention by the Bank of Japan that had strengthened the greenback Monday night on the Asian market.

week, he added. Venezuela

to around 100.75 yen in the morning, stood in late afternoon below the 100-yen barrier again. at 99.95, its Monday evening rate in London. On Monday, the dollar had fallen to a record low against

Against the mark, the dollar stood in late afternoon at 1.579 marks after rising as far as 1.59 in the morning, but the latest level was slightly better than the Monday evening figure of 1.5765 marks to the dollar in London. On Monday, the greenback fell to a 14-month low of 1.5750 marks to the dollar.

Analyst Brian Hilliard at Societé Generale Strauss Turnbull said the dollar's renewed weakness could pusb the central banks into further intervention, following their failure to get the dollar higher for any more than a brief time on Friday.

"I don't think it's going to make any difference if they intervene or not," be said. And the greenback might set new record lows later this

effort to stem the country's

Mr. Caldera, wbo took

office Feb. 2, said in a radio

broadcast that he was sus-

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AMF to link six Arab stock markets by September

ABU DHABI (R) — The Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) will link six Arab stock markets in the first stage of a project to facilitate inter-Arab investment and privatisation, its chairman said

The AMF will link stock markets of Kuwait, Jordan. Bahrain, Tunisia, Oman and Morocco by September and list other Arab markets after that to boost inter-Arab investment, AMF Chairman Jassem Al Manai said in a report to the board of direc-

One of our main projects... will be to develop Arab financial markets, to link and tie them together. Our network is on the verge of coming onstream to provide more investment chances and opportunities for investment," Mr. Manai told reporters after the meeting. Mr. Manai said the AMF's

Arab markets database was one method it is using this year to boost Arab economies, including linking loans to economic reforms and de-

veloping inter-Arab trade. It will list daily trading activity, changes in share prices, and rules governing foreign investment and how Arab investors can participate in joint projects.

According to AMF figures. the six markets list 377 companies with a combined capitalisation of more than \$21 billion.

The network will "facilitate investment opportunities in the countries and encourage information about potential joint projects to flow between Arab investors,' Mr. Manai said.

AMF figures show Arab domestic investments are low compared to external hold-

Arab securities markets list 1.133 with total capitalisation of \$50 billion. In comparison Arab private sector foreign assets exceeded \$670 billion in 1992, an AMF rreport said in January.

Total capitalisation amounted to less than 13 per cent of Arab gross domestic product, it said.

currency

"Arab equity markets are way behind in size compared to the rest of the world." Ahmad Abi Surour, head of the AMF financial markets division, said in the report.

The AMf is also working with the International Finance Corporation, a member of the World Bank group, to advise Arab countries on developing their capital mar-kets. Mr. Manai said.

Mr. Manai said in March that the AMf network will encourage privatisation in Arab countries by assessing their "ability to absorb the financial assets of public enterprises.

"This rationale is particularly relevant in a number of Arab countries... more recently oil producing Arab countries due to lower oil revenues," he said.

Mr. Manai said he also toid. the board of directors that the AMF, which groups all : Arab League countries, would seek to recover arrears from Iraq, Sudan and Soma-

controls

Dollar slump will not help oil demand -

LONDON (R) - A slumping dollar means cheaper oil on the dollar-denominated world oil market but a decline in the fortunes of the U.S. currency is unlikely 10 have any short-term impact on oil demand, industry analysts say.

The dollar hit successive post-world-war-two global lows against the yen Monday and also is weak against the mark, although showing a steadier tone Tuesday. "From what I've seen in

the past. currency movements are only likely to make an impact over the medium to long term." said Kleinwort Benson's a senior oil analysi.

Crude oil prices have risen almost 30 per cent since the end of the first quarter 1994 when prices for world benchmark Brent Blend were languishing at five-year lows around \$13 a barrel.

But valued against the ven. oil prices have risen half as much, by 14 per cent, and against the mark by 17 per

Analysis say the recent rise in oil prices since the turn of the year wipes out the impact of a weaker dollar on demand outside the United States.

"Currency weakness only offsets a small proportion of the rise in oil prices over recent months," said Jeremy Hudson of Lehman Brothers Securities.

Oil traders will probably take the opportunity to increase profits on refined products rather than cut prices. which could have boosted demand. industry analysts say. "(The dollar fall) probably

will not have any great effect in the short term because companies will be grateful for some strength on marketing margins," said Mr. Hudson. The impact of currency movements also is heavily diluted by the influence of heavy taxation on retail pet-

roleum products in consum-

ing nations, said Mr. Hud-

son. Taxation accounts for about 77 per cent of the price of lastline in Germany and 57 per cent in Japan.

> Currency changes "pretty much get lost in the wash. Mr. Hudson said. At the competitive margins

of the energy sector in Europe - where fuel oil competes with coal and natural gas for a share of the power-generating market dollar weakness might benefit oil consumption slightly. said Mr. Hudson.

While a weak dollar means oil-consuming nations will pay less for their crude, producers in turn will in most cases earn less for crude and petroleum product exports once sales in dollars are exchanged into domestic currencies.

"There's no doubt that dollar devaluation is bad news for oil producers." said Mr. Varzi. "But it has to be a big fall over a long period to be very bad news.

Mr. Varzi said il was too early to tell whether the impact of a weak dollar might help preempt any move by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries later in the year to raise oil

OPEC meets in midof next year.

analysts

CARACAS (AFP) - President Rafael Caldera announced Monday that he output quotas to meet growwas suspending constitutional ing demand for crude. guarantees to impose currency and price controls in an

November and if prices are sufficiently strong may consider raising production allocations for the beginning In the longer term.

Japanese demand might be the first to benefit from a weak dollar because consumption there is centred more in the industrial sector and less in transport fuels. said Mr. Hudson. Taxation on heavy fuel for industry makes up a far smaller proportion of end-user pricing than lighter petroleum products - 16 per cent in Germany and 3.5 per cent in

pended in February after Mr. Caldera's inauguration but were reinstated three months later in order to grease the wheels of the new economic plan aimed at cutting the \$6

billion deficit.

mposes

Mr. Caldera said the measures included price controls on basic goods, issuing vouchers for food and transportation to cushion the hardest hit, regulations on financial institutions and steps to help small and medium-sized

The move comes after a He added that the currency controls were aimed at bringcluding the country's second ing down the country's astronomical interest rates which have reached 86 per cent.

Mr. Caldera stressed in his demonstrations which left address that the once oil-rich South American country still The guarantees on economic exchanges were susheld out attractive business

Adami rejects this suggestion

saying Malta, which lies off

the southern tip of Sicily,

heart of decision making in

advances to the North Atlan-

tic Treaty Organisation (NATO) were rebuffed. In

the 1970s the spurned island

appeared to turn its back on

the West, building close ties with Libya and China.

"These policies were not agreeable for Europe," Mr.

would be very short sighted

now if the European Union

ignored Malta's claims," be

Fenecb-Adami said,

During the 1960s Malta's

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opportunities.

Everyday investments come in and we can offer the necessary guarantees: A stable curency, reserves that won't be exhausted and a stable government," he said. He acknowledged he had

initially promised not to impose currency controls, but noted that the financial crisis and rumours of political instability called for drastic measures to avoid depletion of the country's reserves and further devaluation of the bolivar.

Seven banks failed follow-

ing Banco Latino's Jan. 14 demise, costing the government \$4,3 billion in bailout funds to date. The congress has approved another \$2.3

billion to pay depositors. The bolivar has fallen 50 per cent against the dollar since January while inflation has continued to soar.

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The economic turmoil has been accompanied by growing unrest in cities around Venezuela, sparking fears of political instability and resurrecting the specter of the 1989 riots which left more than 300 dead.

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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY JUNE 29, 1994

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You can easily put you person-al affairs on a more solid footing and gain added good will from friends and business associates alike. Deceptive in-fluences are in effect as the evening associates.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) A good time to complete projects which need work on them in the future. Be wise about handling any problem.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Contact those who can ass you in getting involve matters working more efficiently. Gain the support you need to pro-ceed on a new project.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Contact higher-ups who can assist you in gaining the back-ing you need for a worthy project. Show that you have poise to complete any assignment.

to July 21) A new set of condi-tions can make your regular routines more efficient and profitable in the days ahead for you and your loved ones. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Listen to what a business ex-

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22

pert has to suggest but use your own judgment when handling personal responsibilities which must be completed.

VIRGO: (August 22 10 September 22) Cooperate

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

more with associates and gain mutual benefits. Attend social affairs in the evening and have

a fine time with your loved -ALEBRA: (September 23: to -x October 22) Bring your finest talents to the attention of higher-ups who can help you to commercialise on them. Dress in fine style for those in charge.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Put those ideas to work which will give you a chance to express your finestalents. Strive for increased happiness in your personal life. SAGITTARIUS: (November

understand the wants of close ties and then you will know to please them. Avoid a jealous person who is resentful of you. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Contacting regular allies and coming to a better understanding is wise

22 to December 21) Try to

now. Establish more efficiency al your regular duties. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) If you take time to study your monetary posi-tion well, you will know exactly how to improve it. Use more care in motion while on the

higway. PISCES: (February 20 10 March 20) Be open to favours from others if they sincerely want to help you. Make sure business matters are handled well and you will be successful

laita transforms economy his 16th century Valletta membersbip. Mr. Fenech-

VALETTA (R) — Malta is undergoing an economic transformation as it bids for full membership of the Euro-Minister Edward Fenech-Adami fears internal EU squabbles could yet thwart his country's ambitions.

The tiny Mediterranean island bopes to have met all major EU demands on accession by 1996, but Mr. Fenech-Adami told Reuters that even then admission to the world's most powerful economic bloc was not guaranteed.

"It has been pointed out repeatedly that there are problems within the union. and bickering about the institutional set up so we can't be

over optimistic," M. Fenech-Adami said.

With the EU poised to swell from 12 to 16 nations are reluctant to let in a proliferation of smaller states, such as Malta and fellow Mediterranean aspirant Cyprus, each with their own com-

missioners and voting rights. "We shoudl not be asked to wait because the union bas its own troubles," said Mr. Fenech-Adami, who has governed the island since 1987 at the bead of the centre-right Nationalist Party.

"It's in everybody's in-terest that this strategic island gets integrated into Europe," he_added.

Despite the uncertainty,

Mr. Fenech-Adami is still pressing ahead with a reform programme to bring Malta's economy in line with EU

Indirect value added tax (VAT) is expected to be introduced from the start of next year, with import tariffs on European goods being dropped and currency exchange controls relaxed.

Meanwhile a new banking law is passing through parlia-ment, which will abolisb offshore accounts and create similar banking conditions for locals and foreigners

"Almost everything will be in place by 1996," said Mr. Fenech-Adami, speaking in

office, a former residence of the Castilian knights of Mal-

The government is also gradually relaxing its grip on the state sector. One small bank was privatised earlier this year and one of the other island's two major banks is slated for sell-off "in the near future," Mr. Fenech-Adami

Preparations are also being made for the eventual sale of Malta's modernised telecom-

munications company. The Maltese economy, heavily dependent on tourism, has boomed in the

1990s, growing annually by an average eight per cent

over the last five years, with unemployment and inflation bovering around four per cent. "There's no reason why

the economy should now

slow down. On the contrary

some say... it could overheat, with too much being done in a short space of time," Mr. Fenech-Adami said. tbe prime minister has made accession to the EU his

principal policy aim, but not everyone on the island wants to see Malta fall under the influence of Brussels.

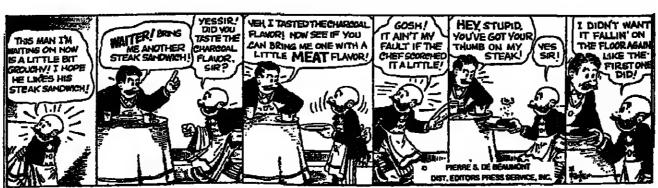
The country's main opposition left-wing Labour Partybas called for the island to seek closer trade ties with the union but draw back from full

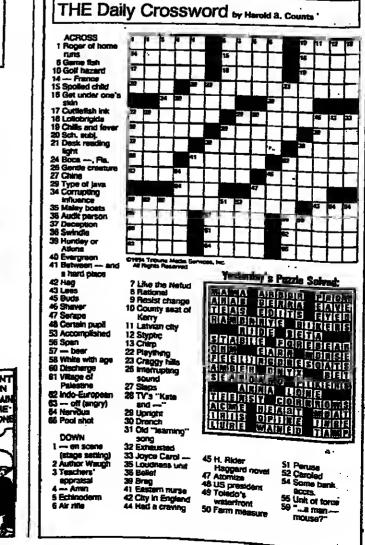


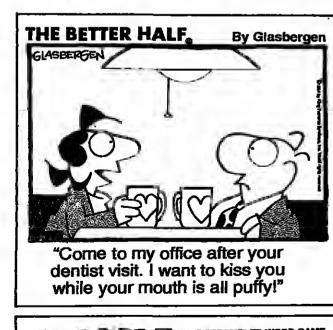
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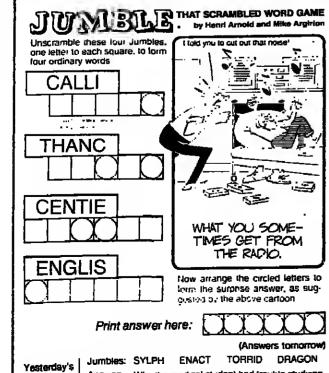


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EU trying to link Jordanian, Israeli and Syrian businesses

pean Commission is trying to persuade Jordan. Syria and Lebanon to let businessmen attend a meeting in Cairo later this year with from Europe.

Egypt, Israel and the occupied territories.

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progress, the organisers said. Eventually, and we are The three countries have still working on this, companies from Jordan, Syria and Lebanon are also interested in taking part," said peace. Diplomats said they ex-Andre · Haspels, the Euro-

> event in December. "These countries need a little more time to indicate their position ..., we are trying by all possible means to get the participation of these three countries," he told reporters at a briefing on Mon-

pean Commission official in

charge of Organising the

day evening.

The idea of the event. known as Partenariat European Union-Middle East. is to bring together hundreds of small and medium-size companies in the European Union (EU) with potential business partners in the Middle

The European Union has been arranging similar events within Europe since 1988 but this will be the first time it has done so outside the conti-

Raouf Saad, the Egyptian foreign ministry official helping the commission organise the meeting, told reporters Egypt was keen to see other Arab countries take part.

But he added: "Regional cooperation very much depends on progress in the bilateral tracks. The more

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progress we see there, the more fruits we will see. But we can only have comprehensive cooperation when we have a comprehensive

pected Jordan would take

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now that the Amman government has undone the links between progress in Jordanian Israeli talks and separate talks between Israel and each of Syria and Leba-Jordan and Israel agreed earlier this month to start

holding talks inside their countries for the first time. They announced a series of moves towards peace and King Hussein said he was ready to meet Israeli leaders as soon as possible. Hanna Siniora of the

European-Palestinian Chamber of Commerce said about 70 Palestinian companies would come to the meeting. many with a view to breaking dependence on the Israel market, with which they now do 90 per cent of their busi-

"We are trying to revive traditional markets," he said, Mr. Haspels said some businesses in the Gulf also wanted to attend the Cairo meeting as "third-party visi-

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Booming coffee prices will hurt consumer

LONDON (R) - A meteoric-jump in the coffee market after frost in Brazil is bound to mean higher prices in shops, industry analysts said.

One roaster industry source said that British consumers, for example, can expect to pay as much as 15 per cent more from September if prices stay at their current 7-1/2 vear

"It will be a reasonable increase to reflect the higher cost of buying coffee on the world market," he said.

After a weekend of frost in Brazil. the world's leading exporter, prices in the market soared 40 per cent on Monday in the biggest one-day jump in memory.

By Tuesday morning in London, the price for coffee for delivery in September had risen \$177 a tonne to \$3.025.

But one analyst noted in 1989 coffee retailers had refused to lower prices in line with a slump in world prices. arguing the cost of coffee was only a quarter of their total

costs. "It will be interesting to see what their argument is this time," she said.

An expected shortage of coffee, before the Brazilian frosts, had already pushed prices up two-fold since January. Retail prices did rise earlier this year without noticeable impact.

Even producers are worried prices have risen so fast that when the rises do get passed on, consumers will switch to other drinks like tea and new markets will be even harder to sell to.

"It comes at the wrong time ... who really wants coffee that is too expensive?" said Simeon Onchere, council chairman of the International Coffee Organisation (ICO).

"Of course, some of the price increases will filter through and have some effect on consumption," one industry analyst said.

But a spokesman for the ICO said prices had a long way to go to reach the highs seen after frosts in Brazil in 1975, when there was even a consumer boycott in the United States over huge retail price hikes.

it's quite premature to start talking about those sort of worries," he said.

He added it was debatable whether the increased effort farmers would now be willing to put into their crops as their income rises could offset a longer term shortfall in out-

The ICO estimates coffee consumption by importing countries in the 1993/94 year. starting last October, at around 73.5 million 60-

kilogramme bags. Exports, on the other hand, in the year to last April were only 71.7 million bags.



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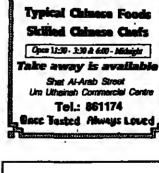
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Jeremy Irons

BEVERLY HILLS. Calif (R) - Actor Jeremy Irons will star opposite Bruce Willis in the upcoming film Die

Hard 3, Twentieth Century

Fox announced. The British

actor won an oscar for his portrayal of Claus Von ...

Bulow in the film - Reversal.

Of Fortune. Samuel Jackson, ...

to star in Die Hard 3

U.S. Coast Guard picks up 1,300 Haitians; surge biggest in 2 years

PORT-AU-PRINCE (Agendes) — U.S. Coast Guard cutters intercepted 1,330 Haitian boat people at sea Monday in one of the busiest days ince refugees began leaving Haiti in droves following a 1991 military coup.

The new exodus comes in the wake of President Bill Clinton's more-liberal policy toward Haitian refugees. which many expected would encourage more desperate Maitians to try to escape their polent, dirt-poor homeland. The new policy took effect 11

days ago.
Monday's figure — com-bined with 786 Haitians apprehended over the weekend — signalled a huge temp in refugees and dramatically increases pressure on the Clinton administration to mickly resolve Haiti's fester-

og political crisis. U.S. embassy officials were stunned at the tide. "It's hard to believe," embassy

spokesman Stanley Schrager said. "We're very concerned.

The Haitians intercepted since Friday nearly equal the 2.239 apprehended in all of

In Washington, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalisation Service (INS) said the 1,330 refugees were being sent to the hospital ship USS Comfort, which is serving as an INS asylum processing centre in Kingston Harbour, Jamaica.

The Comfort has about 400 Haitians from previous boat intercepts and can hold about 1.000, said INS spokesman Duke Austin. The new influx, he said, "is certainly going to be stretching the capabilities.'

Even before Monday's totals were announced, Cmdr. David Breuninger, Coast Guard liaison at the U.S. embassy in Port-Au-Prince, said he expected the surge to

asylum requests granted offshore is more than five times that for Haitians petilioning at U.S. consular offices in Haiti.

"Eventually the people of Haiti will know what the acceptance rate is, and the outflow will increase," he.

Fears of a flood of Haitian asylum-seekers were a factor in former President George Bush's decision to send boat people back immediately, a policy Mr. Clinton continued after his election.

But Mr. Clinton changed the policy as of June 16, allowing all boat people to get a hearing aboard a U.S. vessel offshore to see if they are fleeing political persecution from Haiti's militaryinstalled government.

Not counting the 1,330 picked up Monday. 1.148 Haitians had been intercepted since the new system went

partment spokesman Mike McCurry said in Washington. Coast Guard Petty Officer Jeff Hall in Miami said the 1,330 picked up Monday were mostly in small boats, although one carried more than 250 people.

Meanwhile, the extravagant tastes. parties and ultraright political views of Haiti's wealthy elite show no signs of abating in spite of tough sanctions targeting them and the military government they

Haiti's factories have closed and its formal economy has collapsed, but the city's top restaurants are still in business and the country's fabulously wealthy have not

forgotten how to play. Their children fill the trendiest bars and clubs in Petionville, the affluent suburb that looks down from a mountainside over the sprawling slums of Port-Au-Prince,

CIA warns of nuclear threat from Russian gangs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Criminal trade in Soviet nuclear weapons threatens an "era of anarchic proliferation." but there is no evidence it has happened yet, the CIA director told the

Congress.
"We cannot rule out the possibility that organisedcrime groups will be able to obtain and sell nuclear weapons or weapons grade materials," James Woolsey said at a hearing in the House of Representatives on the socalled Russian mafia.

He said intelligence officers are especially concerned that Iran, Iraq, Libya or North Korea may try to acquire atomic weapons built by the former Soviet Union, through Russia's booming

organised crime syndicates. Mr. Woolsey said Russian intelligence officers arrested three men earber this month who were caught with three kilogrammes (6.6 pounds) of enriched uranium, apparently obtained from a janitor at an unspecified nuclear facility near Moscow. He did not

grade uranium. He said there also have been several cases of lowenriched uranium, medical isotopes and other materials related to the Soviet nuclear programme, offered for sale on the black market.

specify if this was weapons-

But be added: "To date we have not detected any nuclear warheads or significant quantities of weapons-grade materials being smuggled out of the former Soviet Union."

The transactions of lowgrade nuclear material cannot be taken lightly, Mr. Woolsey said, but he said they do not pose a proliferation threat because they cannot be used for nuclear weapons.

focus on Africa. "We have no evidence that Russian organised crime groups are supplying or even attempting to supply terrorist groups with highly destructive weapons," be said. future U.S. policies toward

they erupt.

He said the conference will be "the beginning of a new American commitment to a better future for all our peo-

tant thing I can do to work with you... is to do whatever the president can do to... explain to the American people, of whatever race, region or background, why Africa

common future," he said, The conference was designed in part to give higher visibility to concerns of Afri-

who has appeared in Spike Lee's Jungle Fever, and last year's summer blockbuster Jurassic Park has landed the part of Willis' unwilling partner, the studio said. The film,

eight-day-long winter storm

moderates enough to allow

Heavy rains continued to

deliver misery to thousands

of blacks living in shanty-towns of wood, tin and plastic shacks on the flatlands east

Red Cross spokesman

John Stone said volunteers

worked through the night to

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ched by torrential rains since Sunday.

"It's not so much a ques-

tion of shelter. The problem is that these people have no

dry clothes or bedding," he

and south of the city.

them to operate.

set to begin production July ." 30, in New York, will be directed by John McTiernan — the director of the original Die Hard. The screenplay, written by Jonathan Hensleigh, finds detective John McClane, played by Willis, in a volatile partnership with a tough activist, when he is drawn into a deadly game. with a terrorist bent on destroying New York. Jackson bas also appeared in "Mo" Better Blues, directed by . Spike Lee, and True Ro-

Got a problem? phone a foreign journalist

BELJING (AFP) — In a new sign that Chinese society is picking up on Western habits, the population has started complaining to journalists about their problems. or bragging about their new inventions. They are not bowever moaning or boasting to the Chinese press. Foreign reporters are the main targets of this new-found freedom. Mad professors, women who claim to have been battered or raped by corrupt officials or police, individuals from the province wanting to complain about the government - all bead for the offices of foreign correspondents. The new visitors reflect the slow liberalisation of China and greater access to high technology such as the telephone and fax. Wang Xi, a football .. fanatic from the central province of Hubei, thinks he : knows why Germany's World Cop captain Lotbar Matthaus will not take penalties. He ; claims Matthaus bas "crack- 5 ed" mentally. And Wang bombards the AFP bureau with calls and faxes begging coverage of bis method of ig sports stars overcome 🕝 their mental frailties - ... perhaps to win the World Cup. The eager Wang is just one of hundreds of "sources" now contacting Western ... media desperate for a story that does not rely on official propaganda. The women wbo claim to have been ab-used by officials are the most alarming callers. Those who ... travel from the province to . complain about government corruption or mismanagement are tenacious. But they go to the foreign media , because they know their ; appeals or complaints still stand no chance of getting : publicity at home. The People's Daily reminded Chinese -..

of getting a visa to the West. . " China province bans luxury cars for leaders

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psychoanalyst or even a way

BEIJING (R) — The east 🐃 China province of Zhejiang, one of the richest in the nation, has banned its top officials from driving luxury imported cars. The Zhejiang Daily, seen in Beijing Tuesday, said that an order issued by the Disciplinary Committee of the province's Communist Party had instructed ... top government and party, officials to immediately stop using cars costing more than 500,000 yuan (\$57,500). The cars include brands such as Mercedes Benz, BMW, Lin-, 4 coln, Cadillac. Rolls Royce and Lexus, it said. The officials must switch to cars suitable to their rank according .to government regulations, the order said. It gave no more details. The announcement was greeted with laughter by ordinary Chinese who " observed that such orders have been issued and ignored . before, because imported cars are an important status symbol for people of bigh rank. "Any official who can, will use public money to buy ... an imported car, not one made in China," a Beijing resident said. The average urban Chinese earned 2,337 yuan (\$269) in 1993, official



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Moldan said three

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were on standby to sail from

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"Our patrol plane saw oil

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Anton Moldan, who is

S. Africa braces for more pollution

Russia, NATO outline partnership plans

MOSCOW |R| — Former cold war foes Russia and NATO announced plans Thesday to work closely together at all levels and turn their new partnership into a lasting friendship.

: Russian Defence Minister Pavel Grachev and NATO's military commander in Europe General George Joulwan outlined new confidencebuilding moves to repair decades of mistrust between their military camps.

Gen. Joulwan's visit to

Moscow, his first as supreme affied commander in Europe. came on the heels of Russia signing NATO's partnership for peace scheme for closer stilitary links. "We don't want just to be

partners. We want to be friends and you get that by interaction at every level, the U.S. general told a news conference held jointly with Gen. Grachev. Gen. Grachev said he had

agreed with Gen. Joulwan that the two sides would begin talks at expert level in the

Charles

to admit

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time — TV

LONDON (R) — Britain's

Prince Charles is to admit

publicly for the first time that

he was unfaithful to his now

estranged wife Princess Di-

ana interview to be

broadcast this week, British

The heir to the throne has

Sever previously commented

on rumours be had an

adulterous affair with Camil-

Parker Bowles, the wife of

army brigadier, but royal

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News said that in a two and a

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day, Prince Charles admits

being unfaithful to the gla-

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Asked if he had been faith-

ful to Princess Diana, Prince

Charles is reported to have

seplied: "Yes... until it be-

came clear that the marriage

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prince's investiture as Prince of Wales, have remained

tight-lipped about the con-

- The couple's separation

was announced in parliament

a Britain's tabloid press

claimed the union had been a

disaster from the start and

that Prince Charles, now 45.

had been seeing Mrs. Parker-

Bowles up to and after the

The extent of the attach-

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with the publication of taped

telephone conversations.

purportedly of Prince Charles

and Camilla in intimate ex-

Royal aides have declined

to comment on a reported rift

between Prince Charles and

his mother Queen Elizabeth

over reforming the historic

links between the crown and

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Some 30 joint measures reflecting the new military entente between the two former cold war adversaries were planned for this year with more to be dratted for next year, he said. He gave no details of what these measures might be.

"I am of the opinion that very soon the practical implementation of the partnership for peace deal will allow us to establish a real partnership between Russia and NATO, Gen. Grachev said.

Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev signed the partnership for peace scheme with the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation on June 22 after disputes ranging from Bosnia to arms control and bitter complaints by Moscow that its concerns and big power status was being ingored.

The partnership scheme -Russia is the 21st country to

sign — provides for joint military training, exercises and defence planning though it offers no security guaran-

> Gen. Joulwan said that given Russia's 'size and strength he expected Moscow to present a detailed set of proposals for joint action which would go to the alliance's political authorities for consideration.

Gen. Grachev said the two sides would have a permanent representarive at each other's military headquar-

An emergency "hot line" would be set up between the Russian Defence Ministry and 'NATO's military headquarters (SHAPE) in Mons. Belgium, for quick contact in the event of crisis.

Apart from contact at headquarters level there were also plans for military cooperation to be extended lower down the chain of command to the level of military districts, Gen. Grachev said.

Clinton revamps cabinet ahead of Congress battles

WASHINGTON (AFP) -President Bill Clinton has revamped his top White House staff to strengthen his hand ahead of landmark legislative battles in Congress that will make or break his administration.

By naming David Gergen as special adviser on diplomatic affairs for both the president and Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Mr. Clinton has also sought to shore up his battered image in matters of foreign policy. Mr. Gergen, a Republican

who was called in May to put the White House in order and who has since served as general adviser to Mr. Clinton, has made it clear that his expertise lies not in foreign policy but in selling policy issues to the public, as he showed under former President Ronald Reagan.

Monday's shakeup, the second after William Perry replaced Les Aspin at the Pentagon in January, was also meant to eliminate the errors and inefficiencies that have plagued the White House in the past 18 months. In replacing White House

Chief of Staff Thomas 'Mack" McLarty with Office of Management and Budget Director Leon Panetta, Mr. Clinton has eased his childbood friend from a problematic post he was ill suited for from the very start.

Mr. Clinton told a press conference at the Oval Office that McLarty had been wanting to resign for a month. "He has been and will continue to be my closest and most trusted personal adviser," Mr. Clinton added.

Unlike the tightly-run administrations of former Republican Presidents

Reagan and George Bush. Mr. McLarty as chief of staff lacked a firm hand and his style was too laid back.

That only added to the disarray of the Clinton White House that was plagued from the outset with too many loose cannons.

The inexperience of the White House staff cost Mr. Clinton dearly last year when his far-reaching economic programme barely made it through Congress despite an intense lobbying effort by the White House cohorts.

Now, Mr. Clinton faces five uphill months in Congress, with battles over health care and welfare that more than likely will determine his chances of reelection.

Mr. Clinton's pet project that proposes to extend health care to some 40 million Americans currently lacking it faces stiff opposition from a majority of legislators who wonder where the funding will come from.

The president's welfare reform and anti-crime legislation also face money problems in Congress.

Also pending are a retraining programme for the unemployed and the recently concluded General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade accord which calls for lower tariffs but cannot go into effect until a \$14-billion bill to cover for estimated production losses is passed.

In his new post as presidential adviser, Mr. Clinton said, Mr. McLarty will be in charge of pushing GATT. health and welfare reforms through Congress.

Mr. McLarry also will focus on preparing for Asian and inter-American summits later this year.

Indonesia fines protesters

JAKARTA (R) - An Indonesian court on Tuesday fined six people detained during street demonstrations against a ban on three popu-

In the first of three sessions, the Jakarta Central District Court fined six students 2,000 rupiah (\$1) each for staging a demonstration without a permit. Up to 15 other protesters were expected to receive token fines. or several days in jail.

Lawyers representing the activists heaped scorn on the and the established church. court sentence.

the decision is the biggest joke of the year," said Luhut Pangaribuan, director of the Jakarta branch of the Legal Aid Institute, adding that he would pursue the matter with the Supreme Court.

Police and soldiers wielding rattan sticks dispersed two demonstrations, one of them in the heart of Jakarta's business and administrative district, Monday after last week's decision to ban three outspoken weekly magazines, the hugely popular De-tik tabloid, the longestablished Tempo and the financially troubled Editor. | with spears and shields

crushed a British force at

Isandhlawna. Bloodshed resurged over the past decade, when political rivalry between Nelson Mandela's African National Congress and the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party killed more than 10,000 blacks.

Scores of blacks were killed in rural areas among the green hills and sugar plantations of Kwazulu-Natal during the past year, many of them in revenge attacks sparked by earlier killings, police said.

University of Natal anthropologist Mary De Haas said feuds beiween rival Zulu clans have centified for years over land, resources,

women and cattle. "The people waging the faction fighting are among the most conservative and poorest in South Africa." she

Police say some of the bloodiest violence takes place during faction fights between rival claus. Warriors armed with assault rifles, spears and hatchets and "protected" by

a witchdoctor's battle medi-

cine tear into each other. The

Ms. De Haas said many faction fights have become political in recent years with the intensification of political rivalry between the ANC and Zulu chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha.

Inkatha rivalry would continue over the next five years before the next round of elections due in 1999.

Inkatha won the Kwazulu-

Natal region in the April general election, sparking per cent.

Mr. Buthelezi is home affairs minister, the most senior party member in the ANC-dominated national unity government.

and the ANC spilled over into the Zulu royal court. members of the royal family were in hiding fearing assas-

Critics have accused Mr. Buthclezi of using his nephew King Goodwill Zwelithini as a political pawn but Mr. Buthelezi has accused the ANC of trying to drive a wedge between himself and

Several members of the royal family said last week Mr. Buthclezi was trying to humiliate and blackmail King Zwelithini via revelations of his salary.

Political analysts said if the king broke away. it would diminish Mr. Buthelezi's power considerably.

There is no doubt that he has broken with Buthelezi. He is guarded by the South African National Defence Force and his salary is being naid by Pretoria." Ms. Da Haas said.

Mr. Buthelezi considers himself the traditional prime minister to the king but the royal family members said in a statement last week he had no right to the powerful posi-

"On the contrary, he is responsible for the unprecedented horrendous and tormenting humiliation of His Majesty and the roval

Residents of the Crossroads squatter camp break in the storms which continue to lash transport a load of firewood bome, during a Cape Town (AFP photo) Clinton wants new policy on Africa WASHINGTON (AP) — Mr. Clinton and Vice Presthe ill-fated U.S. military raid President Bill Clinton said ident Al Gore said the discusin Somalia that left 18 U.S. sions and suggestions raised Monday that with all the dissoldiers dead and prompted a at the two-day conference mal news from Rwanda and more gun-shy approach to will be used in formulation of commitment of troops. other African nations, it is Mr. Clinton said U.S.

important to stress positive developments on the continent, such as the ending of

CAPE TOWN (R) — Civil

defence agencies braced

Tuesday for renewed oil

pollution from the mystery

sinking off Cape Town of the

Chinese bulk carrier Apollo

Sea with 36 crew on board

and for new gale-driven

Debris bearing the name of the Panama-registered

131,000 tonne Apollo Sea

washed up on the Cape west

coast Monday, confirming fears that the ship sank hours

after sailing from Saldanha Bay, 100 kilometres north of

Cape Town, eight days ago.

that the ship has sunk," De-

partment of Transport Sea

"We're now pretty sure"

apartheid in South Africa. "Let's remind people that there are things to bope about, as well as things to fear," Mr. Clinton told the first White House conference on Africa.

"There are too many nations in Africa where tyranny still drowns out opposition in human rights. But as we meet today, more than a dozen African nations are preparing for elections," he told experts

from government and inter-

national organisations that

He cited South Africa's peaceful elections and transition as cause for hope and noted the promise and prog-ress in Senegal, Mali, Namibia, Bostwana, Benin, MalaAfrican nations.

"I do know we need a new policy," said Mr. Clinton, adding it will be based on the idea "that we should help the nations of Africa identify and solve problems before

"Maybe the most impormatters to all of us and 10 our

ca, especially in the wake of

ral disaster," he said. In-tervention in Somalia came

during a civil war. After some pre-conference controversy, participants gave the event high marks, especially in terms of putting a high-level focus on a region that many believe bas been long neglected by the United

military involvement in

Somalia, which began as a

food-delivery protection mis-

sion, "was a well-motivated

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ican people as something that

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There is no such thing as a

humanitarian basis."

Old feuds continue in S. Africa's Zulu heartland DURBAN, South Africa (R)

- Ancient feuds in South Africa's violent Zulu heartland will continue despite the peaceful transition to black majority rule elsewhere in the country, political analysts

Political violence has declined markedly in Kwazulu-Natal region since the country's first all-race elections swept ANC leader Nelson Mandela into power - but feuds between rival Zulu clans show no sign of abating in the post-apartheid era.

"Faction fighting is as old as history." police spokes-man Bala Naidoo told Reu-"You cannot rule out re-

venge. Even if one person was killed 10 years ago. you cannot rule out the revenge factor. Bloodshed has stained Kwazulu-Naral, home to many of South Africa's 8.5

million Zulus, the largest

ethnic group, since British

colonisation of the region in 1840. In the early 19th century Zulu warrior-King Shaka built his nation into a powerful force in southern Africa. In 1879 Zulu warriors armed

She predicted ANC-

"In the immediate future there will be a lot of competition for (the loyalty of) the Zulu nation," Ms. De Haas

ANC claims of electoral fraud. Nationally Inkatha polled slightly more than 10

In recent weeks the political feuding between Inkatha A Zulu prince said several

house." the statement said. | figures show.

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■RUSSELS (R) — Euro- behind-the-scenes deals is unpean Union leaders are under intense pressure to agree on a

new European Commission president on July 15 to stave off calls by the incoming European Parliament for a greater say in the appoint-

One of the first tasks of the new, strengthened parlia-ment, which meets on July 19 in the French city of Strasbourg, was to meet and approve the bloc's new chief executive, succeeding Frenchman Jacques Delors.

A CONTRACTOR OF THE SECOND SEC Germany, the next president of the EU for six months, has called a special summit for July 15 after Britain at last weekend's Corfu summit vetoed the choice of Belgian Premier Jean Luc-William William Willia Deheane and plunged the 12nation group into crisis.

Euro-MPs greeted the Corfu failure on British Prime Minister John Major's veto as proof that a system of

SARAJEVO (R) — Serb and

Muslim forces battled for a

strategic supply route in Bos-

nia Tuesday while interna-

tional mediators put final

touches to a new peace plan.

Fighting in north-central

Bosnia, although at a lower

level than in recent days,

continued despite a tempor-

ary month-long ceasefire agreed on June 10 which was

intended to pave the way for

The top U.N. official in

former Yugoslavia expressed

alarm at the escalating con-

a negotiated settlement.

workable, as well as undemo-CTatic.

"When EU citizens are already complaining at not having a word to say in European decision-making it's incomprehensible that the candidate who has the support of 11 countries could not be elected because of the 12th," Belgian Liberal Euro-MP Willy De Clercq said in a statement.

Wouldn't it be better to leave it to the newly-elected European parliament to decide itself in the name of EU citizens the politician who would be most apt to succeed Jacques Delors?" he said.

The parliament could thus democratically choose one of the candidates which would allow us to avoid the confusion and the delay of the decision that we know today," Klaus Hansch, the Socialist's candidate for the parliament's own presidency, German Chancellor Hel-

mut Kohl, whose country takes over the EU presidency Friday, has said that he is consulting his partners ahead of the July 15 emergency EU summit in Brussels.

Mr. Dehaene hinted Monday he was prepared to step aside, acknowledging that the British stance against him meant he could not achieve the unanimity required to follow Mr. Delors next January.

But the foreign ministers of France and Germany, the two EU powerhouse that picked Mr. Dehaene as candidate, said the bloc should not bow to British intransigence and should stick by Mr. Dehaene.

Mr. Dehaene himself said shortly after the failure in Corfu to pick him as president it would be an "affront" to the parliament, the EU's directly elected assembly, if it

were not able to vote on the new president in Strasbourg.

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The assembly's stand 'on this and on the make-up of the new commission as a whole will he the first test of whether the parliament will use its bite as well as its bark and deploy new powers secured under the Maastricht Treaty.

The parliament in April attached a series of conditions to agreeing to the investiture of the new commission. It wanted to vet the commissioners one by one and block appointments un-less they included enough women.

Whether it will carry out its threats remains to be seen. In May an expected cliffhanger vote, as the parlia-ment threatened to block EU plans to enlarge to Austria, Finland, Norway and Sweden in a struggle for more pow-ers, turned into a landslide vote of welcome for the four.

Socialists,

TOKYO (R) - The minority

coalition of outgoing

Japanese Prime Minister Tsu-

tomu Hata agreed with the

opposition Socialists Tuesday

to open formal policy talks in

an effott to forge a new

majority government.
"We will enter into formal

talks with the ruling coalition

Socialist Chairman Tomiichi

Muravama said after talks

with the heads of the seven

followed just one day after

the leftist party held incon-

clusive talks with the Liberal

Democratic Party (IDP), the

other force in the current

three-day struggle for power.

first minority government since 1955, quit Saturday af-

ter just two months in power

to avoid being felled in an

IDP-sponsored non-

out of the coalition in April,

tantly exploring whether the

Socialists want to rejoin the

There was no word.

however, on when the two

sides could open formal

negotiations to draft a com-

The Socialists had walked

Now, the coalition is reluc-

it of its majority

confidence motion.

Mr. Hata, who led Japan's

The Socialist about-face

alliance parties.

to form a new government,

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to open

talks

Japan

EU presidency row tests parliament's new powers U.N. tries to feed trapped civilians in Rwandan capital KIGALI (R) — The United Nations tried Tuesday to get

food to 8,000 trapped and terrified civilians sheltering in a church complex in the battered government-held sector of the Rwandan capital Kiga-

The civilians, hungry and in fear of lives, have been caught on the wrong side of the battle lines as the Tutsidominated Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) tries to pound government lovalists into submission.

"We are trying to get food to the Sainte Famille (Church complex), and there's a very remote chance we will evacuate people from there as well," U.N. Assistance Mission In Rwanda (UNAMIR) spokesman Major Jean-Guy Plante told reporters.

Many of the people 'in Sainte Famille are Tutsis and are in danger of being pulled out and butchered by pro-government Hutu militias who mill around at the entrances to the complex.

Close to the frontline where rebels are pressing a fierce assault with daily mortar bombardments of government areas, the church also shelters many majority Hutus fleeing the mainly Tutsi re-

A rehel mortar bomb slammed into a wall adjoining the main Sainte Famille Church Monday, and inmates of the complex said five people had been killed. Unable to get food regular-

ly, the people of Sainte

one-for-one basis - fighting

slowly starving to death. UNAMIR constantly tries to rescue civilians from the Sainte Famille and other compounds - which the militias raid from time to time to drag away fresh massacre victims. A total of 25,000 civilians are trapped behind gov-

French soldier taking part in Operation

Turquoise shakes hands with Hutu children in

ernment lines. On June 11 militias butchered 60 Tutsi boys they pulled from the complex, sparking outrage in France which led to the French Operation Turquoise which is protecting civilians in the west of the country.

Famille face the added risk of

The two sides have agreed to simultaneous exchanges of their civilian supporters on a permitting.
But aid workers say many

of the 5,500 civilians holed up in U.N.-guarded compounds on the rebel side of the city are Hutus who do not want to cross to government zones where they will face fierce rebel mortar barrages.

Maj. Plante said Sunday evacuations had been delayed indefinitely because Runda, the drop-off point for people being transferred to government areas 20 kilometres southwest of Kigali, had come under fierce attack.

He indicated Tuesday that the warring sides may be trying to agree on a different

drop-off point.

border with Zaire (AFP photo)

the village of Murutu, 60 kilometres from the

The International Committee of the Red Cross, meanwhile, prepared to attempt " further evacuations of seriously wounded people 🥳 from its overflowing hospital behind government lines to the King Faisal hospital on the rebel sides.

On Monday 45 injured were transferred during a lull in fighting to the King Faisal Clinic run by a team of doctors from the Medecine Sans Frontieres (MSF) medical

Kigali was relatively quiet Tuesday morning after several days of intense rebel mor-tar barrages. The warring sides appear to use periods of quiet simply to clean their it guns and stock up with ammunition for another blitz-

An estimated 500,000 people, mostly Tutsis or Hutu opponents of the government, were butchered in an ist orgy of bloodletting following the assassination of Hutu ~ Preisdent Juvenal Habyarimana on April 6.

UNAMIR Commander Major-General Romeo Dalleave Kigali on his way, via the Kenyan capital Nalrobi, to meet the French commanders of Operation Turquoise at their base in the eastern

Cairo town of Goma. Meanwhile French special rce evacuated more nuns and orphans from central Rwanda on Tuesday to safety in neighbouring Zaire.



In Kicukkio, on Kigali's southern front, a (RPF) takes part in trench warfare with government forces (AFP photo) soldier from the Rwanda Patriotic Front

further endorsed by leaders of currently holds 70 per cent of the Group of Seven industrial the land. powers at their summit in Neither side bas given an Naples next week. French Foreign Minister indication that it is ready to

Koran.

public

lines proposed. A United Nations spokesman in Sarajevo reported an

overall drop in the level of

Paris talks start; Bosnians fight on

fighting over the past 24 hours, but said hostilities continued around strategic Mount Ozren and for control of a supply route known by the U.N. as 'Route Duck.'

Control of the route would allow the Muslim-led Bosnian army, who have been on the offensive in the area, easy communication between their strongholds of Zenica and Tuzla.

"Sbelling and fighting continued in the Ozren salient, but a noticeable decrease was noted," U.N. spokesman Commander Eric Chaperon told a news conference. "The offensive on Route Duck continues, although re-portedly at a lower level."

Maj. Chaperon reported that another active front the nortbeastern Bihac enclave, where rebel Muslims are fighting government troops — was quiet after several days of fierce fight-

In Paris, French officials said no substantive statement should be expected after Tuesday's "contact group" talks with diplomats, meeting in the absence of the warring factions, because they are

commined to confidentiality. The next step is for the peace plan to be agreed on by big power foreign ministers, possibly at a meeting in Geneva Friday, and then

Alain Juppe said Monday night that the officials would "see whether they can finally complete a draft map and a draft constitutional settle-

this month for "outraging the religious feelings of Muslims"

in remarks she made about

Islam's holy book, the

Press reports said she was

Dhaka Metropolitan Police

Commissioner A. N. Hussain

said in a statement Tuesday

that the arms ban was

ordered because of the grow-

ing number of activists car-

rying weapons and to reas-

sure an increasingly alarmed

On Monday police had to

use batons and tear to break

up running street battles be-

tween fundamentalists and

The fundamentalists' strike

call has provoked clashes

seeking asylum in the United

ment to propose to the parties to the conflict." "If we agree tomorrow in

Paris, then we will propose this plan to the parties at the beginning of July. The G-7 summit will be an opportunity for the big powers to take a stand on the plan and call on the parties to accept it," he told Europe 1 Radio.

Diplomats said the peace plan would he more of an ultimatum than a basis for further protracted negotia-

France, which has the most peacekeepers in former Yugoslavia with some 6,500 men, has said it would begin withdrawing its contingent if the plan was rejected. Mr. Juppe also spoke of the possibility of using sanctions if one party refused peace. Turkey has however de-

spatched peacekeepers in Bosnia, despite Serb objections. Some 1,500 Turkish troops are expected to be deployed by mid-July, but away from Serb forces who view them as the heirs of the Muslim Ottoman colonisers of the past.

It was on June 28, 1389 that Turkish forces vanquished Serbian ruler Lazar on a battlefield at Kosovo, a defeat mourned by Orthodox Serbs as the beginning of 500 ears submerged within the Ottoman Empire and Islam.

The Turkish troops had been expected to arrive in Zenica on Tuesday, but their move from the Adriatic port of Split was delayed until next week "due to contractual problems over accommodation," a U.N. spokes-

mon policy platform. The party chiefs merely agreed that the deadline for Bangladesh bans weapons after clashes between Islamic groups, secular rivals

naming a new prime minister was Wednesday, last day of the current 150-day parliamentary session. Until Tuesday the coalition had refused to make a move

in the search for Mr. Hata's replacement, saying that was now up to the Socialists and the LDP who had forced him

Finally, top coalition strategist Ichiro Ozawa gave in to internal pressure to take back the initiarive and try to lure back the Socialists. On Monday, the Socialists and LDP, for decades bitter

cold war foes, had held futile talks to see if there was enough common ground between them. But Murayama and LDP

Yohei Kono could agree only on the need to put an early end to the current turmoil The main reason for the confusion stems from the inability of the Socialist leadership to make up its mind.

The Socialist rightwing, called "democrats", wants to rejoin the coalition, but the leftwing favours an LDP alliance

he was disgusted with the "It might be better for poli-

tics to go all the way down and hit rock bottom," Mr. Hata told reporters before moving his furniture and helongings out of the prime minister's residence. "After all, politicians are

only making these moves on

the principles of saving face and lowly things like that." Mr. Hata might still be

duck premier. In parliament angry lower house speaker Takako Doi. herself a former Socialist chairwoman, summoned the heads of the various parties and demanded they get on with choosing a new prime

Nigeria conference adjourns until July 11

ABUJA (AFP) - Nigeria's constitutional conference, which opened here Monday, adjourned its debates Tues-

day until July 11.
Officials said the adjournment resulted from the fact delegates had asked for more time to examine the conference's agenda.

The 360 delegates, who are to discuss the country's return to civilian rule. Tuesday morning held a short debate during which several complained about lack of preparation for the meeting. according to several participants.

After a suspension, the conference session resumed behind closed doors and a for two weeks.

decision was taken to adjourn The opposition has denounced the conference as a farce and called for the release from jail of Mashood

of last year's annulled presidential election. Meanwhile, police shot

and wounded seven women demonstrators in Lagos and arrested bundreds more during a series of rallies in support of Mr. Abiola, the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights said Tuesday. The women, many of them

small-time traders from the Ikeja district of northern Lagos where Mr. Abiola lives, were holding a demonstration when police intervened, firing in their direction and wounding seven, the committee said in a statement signed by its national secretary Segun Jegede.

Several more demonstrations, involving tradeswomen, took place in several other northern Lagos districts and a total of 400 demonstrators were detained, the com-Abiola, the reputed winner

Kravchuk leads Ukraine poll of ballots in the contest. KIEV (AFP) - incumbent

Leonid Kravchuk emerged as tbe leader in the first round of Ukraine's presidential ballot. Interfax-Ukraine News Agency said Tuesday. The report, based on un-

official returns from virtually all local and regional electoral commissions, put support for Mr. Kravchuk at 36 per cent compared to 32 per cent for his nearest challenger. former Premier Leonid Kuchma.

It said western regions of the country where support for Mr. Kravchuk was around 90 per cent were among the last to announce returns following Sunday's vote. The report said turnout in

Sunday's vote topped 27.6 million of the country's 38 million eligible voters and of those some 9.8 million cast ballots for Mr. Kravehuk while 8.2 million favoured Mr. Kuchma.

An aide to Mr. Kuchma said earlier that he planned to protest alleged "falsification" Mr. Kravchuk, the former Communist Party ideology boss for Ukrame, and Mr. Kuchma, former director of the world's largest missile factory, are to face cach other in a runoff ballot on

The results, if confirmed ? by the Central Electoral Commission, highlight the split between the industrialised east where voters favouring eloser ties with Russia backed Mr. Kuchma.

In some eastern Ukrainian 4 constituencies Mr. Kuchma opened up a lead of between se 20 and 40 percentage points over Mr. Kravchuk, who in several areas took only third .: place bebind Alexander. Moroz, speaker of the Ukrainian parliament.

But in the west of the country, where support for Mr. Kravchuk often topped 90 per cent, Mr. Kuchma managed to garner only a few percentage points of the vote.

Tapie wrong-foots critics, sticks it out

their opponents.

paris (R) - French soccer boss turned politician Bernard Tapie wrongfooted critics again Tuesday, tabling a bill when most expected him to announce he was quitting because of fraud accusations.

Mr. Tapie had been widely expected to announce his resignation at a news conference. called hours before the National Assembly was due to debate two requests to lift his immunity from prosecution for alleged tax and buisness fraud.

But, buoyed by a stunning success in this month's European election, he staged a coup de theatre, saying he would stick it out to push through his bill to ban youth unemployment, one of France's most acute prob-

"I am not going to quit just when I want to fight to push that bill through," he told the

news conference. He had earlier hinted he might leave the French Assembly to focus on the European Parlilament seat he

The jobs plan, which he has not yet described in detail, has been hailed by young people but ridiculed by crinics as wishful thinking. Mr. Tapie said it was coin-

morrow," he said.

He said he would defend himself in the National immunity.

the house approve the requests in cases involving Mr. Tapie's luxury pleasure yacht, the Phocea, which he had registered as a commer-

Tapie said.

lift his immunity in a case involving his business affairs which is still under investiga-

Mr. Tapie faces six separate probes into allegations of tax and business fraud as well as interfering with witnesses to fend off charges of bribery by his Marseille soccer team.

"I think someone who got two million votes in a democratic election cannot be insulted... I'm sure the deputies will have more respect for me this time," Mr. Tapie

Mr. Tapie, leading a national election campaign for the first time, drew a stunning 12 per cent of votes for his radical Energy List in the European election this month.

Mr. Tapie is also contesting lawsuits over huge bank debts. The French Treasury and the Credit Lyonnais bank have laid claim as creditors to his art and antique fumiture collection, said to be worth hundreds of millions of francs (tens of millions of dollars). I minister.

SPD seeks red-green coalition in German state BONN (R) - Germany's So-

cial Democrats (SPD), in a shift with important implications for its general election campaign, will try to form a minority government with the ecologist Greens in the eastern state of Sakony-Anhalt.

The main opposition party. which lost by a whisker to the Christian Democrats (CDU) in the state poll Sunday, rejected Monday evening an offer from Chancellor Helmut Kohl's party for a CDU-SPD grand coalition in the state.

A grand coalition initially seemed the most likely result in the state, as well as in Bonn after the Oct. 16 vote. But the SPD opted for a

"It's no good to cover Germany with grand coalitions just because we can't think of anything else," Reinhard Hoeppner, the SPD leader in Saxony - Anhalt who hopes to become the state's next premier, told German television

"If the red-green experiment works, we'll finally get some movement in politics, he said.

The SPD won 34 per cent of the vote to get 36 seats in the state assembly, just behind the CDU's 34.4 per cent and 37 seats. The greens scored 5.1 per cent for five seats and the Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS) got 19.9 for 21 scats.

The SPD says it must lead the government because only one third of the voters backed the centre-right coalition. The CDU's partner, the Liberal Free Democrats (FDP), lost all their seats because they missed the minimum five per cent of the

The tactic is fraught with risks, not least because it opens the SPD to CDU charges that it is creating a "popular front." with the tacit support of the reform communist PDS.

The local CDU has vowed to oppose a red-green coalitolerate it to ensure the gov-The CDU will also brand

the red-green alliance as a

threat to national security because the leftist Greens have called for Germany to withdraw from NATO. One CDU strategist said that SPD tactic was a de-

take for the SPD and very good for us." But SPD tacticians said the party could not let those risks keep it from showing it was serious about reforms and did not want to slip quietly into a grand coalition with Mr. Kohl if — as looks likely

- neither main party can

muster a majority. "This shows we will use the opportunities for change almost whenever we can. one party official said.

"We have no coalition preferences. Our only conditions are that there will be no coalition with the PDS and we will try to avoid a grand coalition in Bonn as much as possible.

The calculated risk in Magdeburg was the first practical : sign of the reinvigorated campaign that party leader : Rudolf Scharping announced ' to a rousing party congress :

last week. The SPD, which early this year seemed sure of victory, * has slid behind the CDU in opinion surveys after losing the last three polls in Ger- ... many's 19-vote electoral

marathon this year. The latest weekly national survey by the Emnid Group gave the CDU 38 per cent and the FDP eight for a total of 46 per cent, far below the 54.8 per cent they won in 1990 and possibly not enough. to reach a majority of seats in ... the parliament.

It said the SPD would win ... 34 per cent, tHe Greens seven per cent and the PDS six per cent. The liberal Frankfurter

Rundschau hailed Mr..., Hoeppner's bid for power in .. Saxony-Anhalt as an encouraging sign for the SPD. "If he wins (and his ...

chances are not bad at all), then he will send a signal that change is possible," it wrote.

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efforts. In Paris, officials of the United States, Russia, Britain, France and Germany met in secret session to put the final touches to a peace uplan intended to end the war.

in the face of collapsing peace

At the heart of the plan is a draft map which would divide Bosnia along ethnic lines, giving 51 per cent of the territory to the newly formed Muslim-Croat federation and the rest to the Serbs, who

agree a settlement along the

DHAKA (AFP) - Bangladesh has outlawed indefinitely earrying arms nd ammunition following clashes Monday between Muslim fundamentalists and opponents which left scores in-

The ban was to avert a possible "showdown" Thursday during a general strike called by fundamentalists de-manding punishment for fugitive feminist writer Taslima Nasreen, accused of blaspheming Islam.

jured.

The fundamentalists also want hlasphemy laws enacted to punish Nasreen and a ban on several "anti-Islamic" newspapers. Nasreen, 32, a docto-

turned-writer, has been in

hiding since a local court

since the weekend. More ralissued an arrest warrant early won earlier this month.

> cidental that he proposed the bill on Tuesday. "It could have been yesterday or tor-

Assembly later in the day against the requests to lift his The Assembly's Immunity Committee unanimously recommended last week that

cial vessel for tax purposes. "I love this kind of occasions. I've such good memories of the previous one," Mr.

The Assembly last year ignored his plea and voted to Tuesday and police were on alert. One political analyst said extremist groups were using the present crisis to "gain a foothold in state power," He said extremist groups, with the fundamentalist Jamaat-E-Islami already in parliament. were more organised than

lies were planned for later

their rivals. Mufty Maulana Fazlul Haque, a vocal Islamic leader, said Tuesday "no more politics of prayers, we will now

go to Bangabhàban (pres-idential palace)."

Another leader, quoted by the pro-Islamic daily Ingilab. said: "We will no more give blood to defend the country. but will take blood ... this country will live as an Islamic

Mr. Hata, meanwhile, said

obliged to attend the July 8-10 Napels summit meeting of the group of seven leading industrialised countries, making it the second year in a row that Tokyo would be represented at the G7 by a lame-

risky alliance with the ecologists, an option known here as a "red-green" coalition, to prove it was serious about driving Mr. Kohl' from office.

> tion in Magdeburg, the Saxony Anhalt capital, while the PDS has said it would

ernment does not fall.

sperate bid to revive a flagging election campaign and remarked: "This is a big mis-

Germany get a fright before seeing off the South Koreans

Germany 3, S. Korea 2

DALLAS, Texas (AFP) — Germany got the World Cup shock of their lives when they clung to beat South Korea 3-2 in their final Group C match here Monday.

The result ensured the defending champions topped the group and went back to 'Chicago for the next round while Korea must start pack-

ing as they head back home. What had looked like a simple stroll for the Germans, after they took a 3-0 lead at half time, turned into a nail-biting climax that had the Korean fans in the 64,000 crowd believing the impossible could happen.

The Germans paid a heavy price in victory. They lost sweeper and captain Lothar jured in the second half.

Matthaus suffered a one centimetre-long gash in a foot when fouled early in the game and left the field in the 64th minute. "I was in a lot of pain. It was stitched up but the pain became too much so ! asked to be substituted," said Matthaus.

It is not yet known whether he will be fit for their second round tie July 2 against the third-placed side from either

Group A, B or F.
The Germans had looked firmly in control when Jurgen Klinsmann got the first of his two goals in the 11th minute. Thomas Hassler's low cross was behind the Monaco player but he flipped the ball up it the air to his right and vollyed a fierce left-foot shot past a helpless Choi In-

in the 36th-minute Klins-

mann scored his second, bringing the ball down from a Matthaus cross and hitting a shot past Choi who allowed it to slip through his grasp. Karlheinz Riedle had

scored Germany's second in the 19th minute, slotting the ball home after Guido Buchwald's shot came back off the

Choi's first-half performance led to his replacement at half time by Korean coach Kim Ho, who had some strong words for his players in the dressing room.

"I told them to stop being intimidated by the Germans and to go out and play their normal game," said kim. "As for taking off our captain Choi, my first duty is to the team and to winning. He was not playing well so I replaced

In the end it would not have made any difference. Germany hardly had a shot during the second half as the Koreans laid siege to the

world champoins' goal. Before the match Kim had warned he would use the sweltering heat in the Cotton Bowl to his side's advantage. "We are fitter than the Germans. The heat will affect them more," he had said,

So it proved. Only seven n inutes after the restart Hwang Sun-Hung put Park Jung-Bae through on the left to fire past Bodo tilgner.

The inspired Koreans were ready to run themselves to a standstill and 11 minutes later Hong Myung-Bo let rip with a 30-metre drive that Illgner



ground after the whistle, ending South Korea's hopes of advancing to the 2nd round of the World Cup Monday at the Cotton Bowl in

Dallas. Standing near Choi are Germany's German Karlbeinz Riedle (#9) and Thomas Helmer (#5) (AFP photo)

German press slam 'embarrassing' win

BONN (R) — Germany's popular press slammed the national soccer side Tuesday for a sloppy performance in their final first round match of the World Cup, which they won by a narrow 3-2 against unfancied South Korea.

"Embarrassing win" the Cologne tabloid Express said. "After fatal mistakes in defence the match became more and more of a cliff-

The reigning world champions went into a comfortable 3-0 lead before halftime and looked like producing the fireworks trainer Berti Vogts had promised. But they wilted in the heat

and found themselves hanging on for grim death at the end after South Korea stormed back with two second-half goals.

Munich's Abendzeitung paper was no more charitable

than the Express, and said a repeat showing would not get the side past the next round. "Sorry — if Berti's side play like this they can pack their bags," ran the headline.
Despite their sub-standard

play and two other similarly indifferent showings in beating Bolivia I-0 and drawing with Spain, Germany qualified for the second round as winners of their

No red cards for World Cup referees

DALI AS (R) — Refereeing mandards at the World Cup smals have been so high that no match officials will be sent home early for bad performances, FIFA said Monday. - David Will, chairman of SIFA's refereeing committee, told a news conference seccer's governing body was slightly dispappointed with only two displays from the nien in the middle in the 26 games played to date.

"More than two thirds have received exceptionally high marks from the independent referees' inspector," Will said. "Of the rest only two were a little hit lower than we would like but they were not really low, more average.'

Will, who declined to name the two relerees, said no officials would be sent home until after the quarter-final stage of the competition and only then because fewer were needed to cover the remaining matches.

FIFA had threatened earlier to dismiss officials who failed to reach acceptable standards or to follow instructions aimed at cutting down on violent conduct and time-wasting.

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mitte is that the quality of the refereeing and the performances of the linesmen has been of a very high standard, certainly much higher than in Italy four years ago." Will

He said FIFA's decision to fix a maximum age of 45 for referees to improve their fitness and to introduce specialis linesmen at the World Cup had been fully vindicated.

FIFA General Secretary Sopp Blatter said match statistics showed the average number of fouls committed had dropped from 39 in Italy to 28 at the U.S. finals.

He said offsides had been cut from eight per game to 6.5 and the amount of time the ball stayed in play had increased from 52 minutes on average four years ago to 61 minutes.

Will said FIFA had given no specific instructions on stoppage time to referces, who have been adding on anything from two to cight minutes in each half at the

He said referees had also reported a hig improvement. in players' behaviour with few being booked for dissent.

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World Cup plus strike adds up to 'worst traffic jam in history'

SEOUL (AFP) — World Cup fever compounded strike chaos Tuesday to cause Seoul's biggest traffie jam as the soccer fiesta caused problems across Asia.

Commuters joined in a rush-hour free-for-all, causing what local press reports called "the worst traffic congestion in history," in Seoul.

An opinion poll in Hong Kong showed that World Cup soccer attracted more interest than discussion of democratie reforms for the

Millions of commuters poured into the strike-bound Seoul streets to get to work after watching South Korea's valiant etiff-banger defeat against the world champions Germany on television.

Some 50 commuters, including a pregnant woman, suffered near-suffocation at Sadang Station in southern Seoul, when they were pushed over and crushed by bundreds of others pushing into a car.

The woman was listed in a grave condition while 19 others had to be treated for suffocation and bruises at hospital, Yonhap news agency said.

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP)

- Cameroon's colourful striker Roger Milla already

knows what is on the agenda

after the World Cup - help-

ing children in his native

The oldest player to com-

pete in the World Cup finals

at 42 tentatively set up a

foundation four months ago

Though he has yet to de-

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port will probably be the two

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He intends to compete in a

lournament in Africa follow-

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And on hopes for African

nations in future World Cup.

"It will continue to be impor-

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African teams did not have a

great help to a lot of chil-

"Helping children is very

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ing Africa.

The angry commuters, many of them already in a fighting mood after their nn-ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE WATER AUTHORITY fancied team's narrow 3-2 defeat in a tough battle against Germany, then went on a rampage, shattering windows INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

of subway offices and scuffling with riot police.

The subway system further cut its services, worsening the already notorious rush-hour squeeze, as substitute engineers, filling in for striking workers, had to take breaks because of fatigue. Many commuters delayed

ventuting out on to the strike-hit streets, staying at home to urge their team on as they turned a first-half 3-0 rout into the 3-2 drama. Elsewhere in Asia, cup

mania has claimed at least two lives since the tournament began - a soccer-mad cafe owner in Macau, who died from exhaustion after watching the TV non-stop for two days, and a young man in Thailand, who hanged himself after losing a bet on the

In Hong Kong, the authorities Tuesday rnged employers to boost safety precautions for workers, who are reporting bleary-eyed for

duty after all-night viewing. "Workers may be more prone to accidents if they lack sufficient sleep or rest for a prolonged period," Chan Tat-King, the colony's factory inspector, warned.

According to an opinion poll carried out by the University of Hong Kong, 37.2 per cent of the public shows more interest in the World Cup than Governor Chris Patten's democratic reform

Milla to help children

Now at least we are here and

His wiggling hips made him

a superstar at the Italian

World Cup four years ago in

an otherwise mediocre

However, it was not all

such plain sailing in USA 94. He admitted he had come on

at a terrible time against Bra-

Milla entered the match

less than two minutes before

Marcio Santos made it 2-II for

Brazil, and a minute after

Rigobert Song was sent off.

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Milla said he had tried to

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money was on the agenda in

the U.S. but after two match-

cs goalkeeper Joseph-

Antoine Bell pulled out be-

cause of pressure from Came-

Bell was the ringleader for

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Milla said: "They were at

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package for the territory, compared with 26.9 per cent who put the package first. In Thailand, the authorities appeared to have given up fighting the fever.

The education ministry let

secondary schools July 19, the day following the World Cnp final, giving a potential day of grace to 2.1 million students in 2,140 schools. Opposition parties in the

Thai parliament announced they would delay launching a no-confidence motion against the government until after the tournament had finished.

China's official People's Daily last week urged the country's 100 million soccer fans (who reputedly include 89-year-old paramount leader Deng Xiaoping) not to lose too mneb sleep watching World Cup matches.

It also urged fans to keep the volume of the broadcasts down so as not to wake up relatives and neighbours.

The Beijing youth Daily reported that a man changed his name to Luo Xi, the Chinese translation of Italy's veteran player Paolo Rossi. and another was abandoned by his wife because of his obsession with soccer.

The official media also bemoan an increase in betting, a surge in the price of colour television sets - and civil servants who are turning up late for work and going home

a sporting question, it was

Italy, Milla came on as a sub

to score against both Roma-

Yet far from feeling the

pressure that he and Came-

roon should score this tie, he

said it was out of his hands.

have 10 goals. But if it's God's will we will have zero.

we will have zero." he said.

the oldest player ever to score at a World Cup, heing

one year older than Sweden's

Gunnar Gren who was 37

when he scored against West

Germany in the 1958 semi-

His two late goals against

Romania. his outfoxing of

eccentric Colombian keeper

Rene Higuita before scoring.

and a superb performance

against England in Naples

elevated him to hero status.

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nia and Colombia.

Caminero's double strike takes Spain past Bolivia

CHICAGO, Illinois (AFP) Spain qualified for the World Cup second round hy beating Bolivia 3-1 here Monday in their last Group C match which came to life with three goals in the second half.

Jose Luis Caminero scored twice in a six-minute spell midway through the second half to settle the outcome for Spain who now play Switzerland in Washington. Josep Guardiola had given

Spain a 1-0 half-time lead from a disputed penalty and Erwin Sanchez scored Bolivia's first World Cup goal in between Caminero's pair. Guardiola struck his penal-

ty at the middle of the goal and Carlos Trucco would have saved the shot if he had not dived to his right. Costa Rican referee Rodri-

go Badilla Sequeira pointed to the spot in the 18th minute when Felipe went flying as he was challenged by Bolivia's Carlos Borja under a right wing cross from Caminero. The Bolivian players claimed Felipe bad taken a

Caminero made it 2-0 in the 64th minute when he shot under Trucco after Sergi's jinking run on the left put

him clear in the penalty area. Sanchez reduced the deficit within a minute when his 25 metre shot was deflected by Salvador Voro past the wrong-footed Spanish goal-

keeper Andoni Zubizarreta. But Caminero killed off the Bolivian rally when he chested down Albert Ferrer's long cross from the right and tucked the ball cooly past

The Atletico Madrid player had scored two goals in four internationals before the tournament started.

Bolivia had played the more constructive football and William Ramallo, who had recovered from injury, had hit the har from 30 metres after only three minutes with Zubizarreta stuck to his line.

Bolivia twice went close to scoring in the last two mi-

Second half substitute Jaime Moreno hooked over from point-hlank range when



country's first-ever goal in World Cup history Monday during the second half of their match against Spain at Soldier Field in Chicago. Spain won the match 3-1 (AFP

Ramallo headed on and Zubizarreta came out to smother a shot from Sanchez.

Ramiro Castillo, another substitute, shot over from 25 metres as the South Americans tried desperately to get back on level terms, but Bolivia, who had a player sent off in each of their two previous matches, now face an early flight back to La Paz.

Ramalio should have done better with a 53rd minnte opening made by Sanchez but he hlasted hopelessly wide. Spain had gone looking for

Goikoetxea forced Trucco into a plunging dive from close range. Five minutes later the goalkeeper needed treatment after being kicked on the knee when he dived at the feet of Goikoetxea.

an early goal at the start of the second half and Andoni

Then came the three-goal flurry which ended with Spain, after draws against South Korea and Germany, Tip the last 16. "It was a very hard match.

The whole team played well," Zubizarreta said.



Cameroon's goalkeeper Joseph-Antoine Bell (L) refuses the gloves of his teammate Thomas N'Kono during a practice session Monday in for salaries (AFP photo)

Moraga. Bell has announced he is quitting the Cameroon team because of a lack of funding

Cameroon players resist orders from on high — Milla, Bell

YAOUNDE (AFP) — Politicians in the Cameroon capital tried to force changes on their country's World Cup team against Brazil only hours before kick-off.

Veteran striker Roger Milla and Joseph-Antoine Bell, their goalkeeper who quit the national team following the 3-0 defeat by Brazil in San Francisco last Friday, revealed the governmental in-tervention Monday.

The Cameroon squad's united front against the orders prevented changes but Milla and Bell both said outside interference had had a negative effect on the team's performance in the United

Milla told the Cameroon sports weekly Challenge Sports: "It's sad that for a match as important as Brazil we are given the team sheet for the game then, just as we are leaving, we are told that orders have come from Yaounde to bring in such and

"It's pathetic and should not happen to a team with Cameroon's prestige.

The intervention from Yaounde came after the team threatened to refuse to play against Brazil if they were not paid what the federation had promised.

Bell's decision never to play again for the national side was yet another distraction for a team whose squabbles with their federation seem never-ending.

World Cup conversion not complete

And they may be right.

Attendance are on course for

a World Cup record, with the

of soccer in America.

LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) — Millions of Americans have jumped on the World Cup bandwagon, but even as the Alexi Lalas wigs profilerate, plenty of U.S. sports fans are proving immune to the foothall bug.

"My feeling is that if they flew me in on a helicopter that landed on the 50-yard line and had me sit in an air-conditioned box. 1 still wouldn't go," said Southern California insurance hroker Gene Whitlock.

"I suppose I'm interested in the United States, hut Cameroon? That sounds like a cookie.'

Cup organisers and FIFA officials never miss an opportunity to spout figures showing that the World Cup has

revolutionised the perception

United States' final Group A match against Romania drawing 93,689 speetators to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. site of the July 17 final. Even in Dallas, where tick-

et sales lagged behind the other eight venues, two matches have sold out. Television viewing figures

have exceeded organisers' wildest expectations. Early ratings showed that

in 29 major metropolitan areas Sunday's U.S.-Romania match drew a television audience three times that of Wimbledon or the PGA Tour golf tournament at Hartford.

But still, pockets of resist-

ance remain. Television comedian David Letterman regularly pillories the Cup on his late-night show, Barely into the second

week of the 31-day extravaganza Letterman quipped: "I think I speak for millions of Americans when I say, is the World Cup over yet?

During the United States' historic 2-1 victory over Colombia, patrons at a south Pasadena eatery were happy to turn their attention from the match to watch the introductions of the players in the last game of the National Baskethall Association fNBA) finals.

Basketball is much more comprehensible, said banker Steve McIntire. "Everything in soccer seems to be random and accidental."

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Win or bust for the **Dutch against Morocco**

ORLANDO (Agencies) -Defeat against arch-rivals Belgium has concentrated the minds of the Dutch who accept that one more loss will mean the end of the World Cup road.

We are in a situation in which it is final. If we lose we have to go home," experienced defender Ronald Koeman said Monday, two days before the make-or-break Group F match against

"1 expect only one thing — that we win," team chief Dick Advocaat said. "That's the only thing that counts."

The Netherlands, who had major trouble beating Saudi Arabia 2-1 a week ago, lost 1-0 to Belgium Saturday and must now seek victory against Morocco, bottom of the group after two defeats.

We were expecting a lot against Belgium. We were much better than in the game against the Saudis but things went wrong which weren't supposed to go wrong," Koeman said.

'Our team did not function 100 per cent but there was a lot of difference between the two games. We had a lot of

chances against Belgium but we didn't finalise them," Koeman suffered a slight

calf injury in the Belgium match and lost three kilos in the stifling heat and humidity of Orlando's Citrus Bowl. "Last Saiurday the heat

was terrible," Advocaat said. The coach gave little away on his likely line-up. "I'm not talking abouit names, about dropping players or which players will be in the team," he said.

But he said playing four up front - two in the middle and two wingers - had not paid off enough, which could mean a formation along the lines of the one which played in the second half against 1-0 to Belgium when midfielder Rob Witschge replaced strik-

er Ronald de Boer. Advocaat also said the defence had not been able to cope with Belgium's two-man front line Josip Weber and Mare Degryse because this had left one Dutch defender without a man to mark.

The danger of the Belgian team was that they played two strikers and we couldn't control them with three defenders," he said.

WorldCupUSA

Today's matches: Group F:

Morocco vs. Ihe Netherlands in Orlando at 19.30 Amman Saudi Arabia vs. Belgium in

Washington at 19.30 "But we created more chances than Belgium so I

don't really blame our de-

fence. Koeman added: "We haven't had many chances against us but we've passed over more chances of our own here than in all the qualifying matches."

Morocco, who were beaten by Belgium and Saudi Arabia, are planning a change of goalkeeper with first-choice Khalil Azmi, whose blunder gave the Saudis their winner last Saturday, likely to give away to Zakaria Alaoui.

Olympic poll carried

ATLANTA, Georgia (AFP) - Organisers of the Atlanta Olympics received good news in a study of reactions to ticket prices for the 1996 Olympic Games, but research also had some bad news for advertisers.

Wirthin Group showed U.S. residents in areas planning to attend the Atlanta Games' predicted higher ticket prices for Olympic events than those announced Saturday.

The study was conducted in Dallas, Atlanta, Cincinnatti and suburban New York, because those areas have a higher percentage of expected attendees than other large U.S. cities.

and volleying with authority, WIMBLEDON, England hitting superb serve returns (AP) - Martina Navratilova, pursuing a 10th title in her 22nd and final Wimbledon shots. appearance, stormed back after losing the first set Tuesday to beat Jana Novotna and

finally held serve for 3-1. Novotna had four break points in the next game, but Navratilova saved each one and held.

lova won in typical fashioo following her serve to net, punching a forehand volley. then ending the contest with a backhand volley into the

"Sbe started to return so well there was nothing I could do," Novotna said. "She was just playing really, really well, much better than she did against me last year... Martioa believes more in herself than last year. I'm sure she can (win the title).'

career that Navratilova has reached the Wimbledon semifinals. After her victory, British bookmakers installed ber as the 10-11 favourite for the title.

Navratilova compared her run here to the U.S. Open in

Navratilova, McNeil reach semifinals 1991, when Jimmy Connors reached the semifinals at the

Mexico tops Group E, moves to 2nd

Roberto Baggio's shot had

bounced back off Campos's

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Nicola Berti's header from an

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"Here it is three years later and I'm still running for it,"

reality, not a dream. I'm liv-

"I'm not surprised," said the 30-year-old Houston native, who upset top-seeded Steffi Graf in the first round. "I fought very hard. It's a great feeling. It represents a lot of hard work for me."

winner of the quarterfinal matchup between third-

seeded Conchita Martinez of

ing light of the absence of the injured Franco Baresi. The five minutes before

plenty of possession, failed to

get enough players forward

to make inroads into an Ita-

lian defence which was mak-

half ome saw more goalmouth action than the whole of the rest of half. Alberto Garcia Aspe's

piledriver from 20 metres was tipped over the bar by Marchegiani, continuing in the Italian goal in place of the suspended Gianluca Pag-

then Campos had to push Roberto Baggio's angled shot away for a corner. Two further Italian corners were also kept out by the keeper.

Capos came to the rescue again when he charged off his line to smother the ball at the feet of Nicola Berti who bad been put in behind the defence by Albertini's pass.

Italiain defender Alessandro Costacurta, under pressure from Luis Alves, put the ball into his own net in injury time but the effort was disallowed for offside.

Ireland 0, Norway 0

In New York, Norway's first World Cup since 1938 ended in heartbreak as a goalless draw with Ireland saw them eliminated on the narrowest of margins.

In Group E

The Norwegians were placed last after managing only a single goal in their three matches.

Belgium thrive on heat treatment

WASHINGTON (AFP) -Belgium, who have thrived in the tropical conditions of Orlando's Citrus Bowl, will keep the heat turned up for their final Group F match against Saudi Arabia here

The Belgians are certain qualifiers for the second round after 1-0 victories over both the Netherlands and Мотоссо.

A win over the Saudis at RFK Stadium, where temperatures and humidity are nearly as high as in Orlando, would ensure they can s:ay in Florida for their second round match.

"We don't underestimate Saudi Arabia after what they did against Holland and Morocco because we want to finish top of the group and stay in Orlando as group win-ners;" said coach Paul Van playmaker. Himst.

The Saudis rattled the Dutch with an early goal before succumbing 2-1 and then beat favoured Morocco 2-1 to move into second place in the group, like the Netherlands

with three points. With that victory the Saudis set their sights on becoming the second Arab country to reach the second round of a World Cup after

Morocco. "Anything is possible in one match," said the Saudis' Argentine coach, Jorge Solari. "It doesn't matter who is better on paper. All that counts is scoring a goal."

Solari said the heat would work to Saudi Arabia's advantage, "This climate is perfect for the Saudis. They are used to the heat," he

said. Belgium have made themselves at home in it, too. welcoming interviewers to poolside chats at their Daytona Beach resort base. But Van Himst admitted some of his players were tired.

He said he would make at least two changes for the match, though he did not plan to name the side until Tuesday. "I don't want to kill Franky

(Van Der Elst). He has run himself into the ground in the first two matches," Van Himst said. "And I'll probably make another change although I'll keep Enzo." he said of Scifo, his midfield Solari said all his players

were physically and mentally fit, and he expected to make few changes to the team that beat Morocco 2-I in New However, he may recall

Majed Abdullah, "the Desert Pele" who was ruled out of the Morocco match through Probable teams

Belgium: Michel Preudhomme; Vital Borkelmans, Michel de Wolf, Pbilippe Albert, Georges Grun, Marc Emmers, Enzo Scifo, Danny Boffin, Lorenzo Staelens, Marc Degryse, Josip Weber.

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players would do well to steer away from that course in favor of a line that might succeed.

Even playing four card majors we would open one club with the North hand. It facilitates a rebid, since North can introduce the four-card

spade suil at the one-level, whereas one spade could lead to complica-tions when South expects North to

hold a longer suit.

SPOT THE WINNING LINE West, who might have opened the bidding, led the king of hearts and, at trick two, cleverly shifted to a low

> diamond, hoping East held the queen and that declarer would mis-guess. Declarer, sager to find out more about the holding, made the discovery play of the king of dia-monds. When that held, South re-turned a diamond to the queen and ace. West took the ace of hearts to complete the defensive book, then complete the defensive noon, uses shifted to a club. The fate of the hand now hinged on avoiding a

hand first images of avoiding a true placer.

Anyone with a fundamental knowledge of the odds knows that, missing three cards including the king, the percentage play is to take a finesse. However, declarer, an ex-pert, won the club in hand, led the queen of spades and, when West produced a low trump, rose with the ace to fell the king and land the

ace to fell the king and land the game. Why?
West paid the penalty for not opening the bidding. Once the early play had established that West had started with 11 high-card points in prime cards (A-K. A) and had peased, the king of spades had to be with East. Declarer, therefore, ignored the odds in favor of the only play that could increase. play that could succeed.

mixed news

A research study by the

and keeping the charging Novotna at bay with passing

Italy 1, Mexico 1

Daniele Massaro put Italy

The AC Milan striker

ahead when he scored only

two minutes after coming on

as a second-half substitute.

latched on to a through pass

from Demetrio Albertini.

brought the ball down with

his chest and sbot past Jorge

Mexico were level two mi-

nutes later Carlos Hermosil-

lo crossed, Giuseppe Signori

missued his tackle on Marce-

line Bernal and the midfiel-

der rifled a shot past Luca

Marchegiani from just out-

Jorge Rodriguez came to

Mexico's rescue after 68 mi-

nutes when he booted the

ball away for a corner after

side the penalty area.

Campos from 12 metres.

MEXICO Tuesday won

Group E after drawing 1-1

with Italy in a match staged at

Robert F. Kennedy Memo-

rial Stadium in Washington,

with Italy taking the third

place in the group after Ire-

and, which drew 0-0 with

Norway in a match held

simultaneously in New York.

With these results, Mexico

and Ireland move automati-

cally to the second round,

and Italy should go through

with them as one of the four

best third placed teams in the

The Mexicans now play the

runners-up from Group D in

New York while Italy must

await the outcome of other

World Cup's six-groups.

reach the semifinals.

semifinals for the first time by

beating Larisa Neiland 6-3.

In men's play, three-time

champion Boris Becker

reached the quarterfinals by

winning the fifth set of a

suspended match against

The fourth-seeded Navrati-

lova ran off nine straight

games after the first set en

route to a 5-7, 6-0, 6-1 victory

over No. 5 Novotna, the

woman who beat her in

straight set in the semifinals

Novotna, seemed in com-

mand after she saved a set

point in the ninth game of the

first set with an ace, broke

Navratilova for a 6-5 lead and

then served out the set in the

But the 37-year-old Navra-

tilova dominated completely

the rest of the way - serving

Andrei Medvedev.

last year.

next game.

results.

Navratilova was up 3-0 in the final set before Novotna Unseeded Lori McNeil reached the Wimbledon

"That was buge," Navrati-

It's the 16th time in her

age of 39 and she got to the

she said. 'It's pretty amazing, it's fun to be in the middle of it. I'm loving it." Asked whether she felt as thoug she were in a dream, Navratilova said, "This is

In the semifinals, Navratilova will face the winner of the match between Zina Garrison Jackson and Gigi Fernandez.

McNeil, playing a classic serve-and-volley game, reached the semifinal of a Grand Slam tournament for only the second time in her career. She got to the semis at the U.S. Open in 1987.

McNeil will next play the

Spain and No. 9 Lindsay Davenport of the United States.

After beating Helena Sukova 6-1, 6-2 in the quarterfinals Monday, Navratilova said she had managed to control her emotions about playing at Wimbledon for the last time.

"I have stopped thinking this is my last Wimbledon, she said. "I am absolutely in the 'now', playing Wimbledon, period. I doo't care if I have 10 more to go. I want this one. I want the next match. That's all I'm thinking

Five of the women's quarterfinalist were from the United States, Navratilova, Davenport, McNeil, Garrison Jackson and Fernandez, That's the best U.S. showing since 1985, when six Americans made it to the quarters, Except for the 18-year-old Davenport, the Americans

are all in their 30s. "I think it's basically the grass more than anything." Garrison Jackson, 30, said. "It is a mature court, you bave to use your head on it. Basically the more mature

players are probably all-

around players because you

learn that the older you get." Garrison Jackson, runnerup at Wimbledon in 1990, pulled off Monday's major upset by beating secondseeded Arnatxa Sanchez Vicario 7-5, 4-6, 6-3. She said she was inspired by the success of fellow Houston native

McNeil, who beat Florencia

Labat in two tiebreakers,

Monday. It's the first time in Wimbledon history that the top two women's seeds failed to reach the quartes. The 1981 U.S. Open was the last Grand Slam tournament where neither the No. 1 or No. 2 seed played in the final.

The men's quarterfinals are set for Wednesday: Pete Sampras vs. Micbael Chang; Todd Martin vs. Wayne Ferreira; Goran Ivanisevic vs. Guy Forget; and Becker vs. Christian Bergstrom of

The seventh-seeded Beck-. er completed a 6-7 (7-5), 7-5, 7-6 (7-3), 6-7 (7-3), 7-5 victory over No. 9 Medvedev. The match had been suspended by darkness Monday night at 1-I in the fifth set. Becker went down a break but came back and broke for the match in the 12th game.

Excited Mansell returns to Formula One

LONDON (R) - Motor racing's worst kept secret was finally let out of the bag Tuesday when it was confirmed that Nigel Mansell would race for the Williams team at the French Grand

Prix this weekend. The news was officially released by Williams commercial director Richard West at a packed news conference at Brands Hatch, the southern England circuit where Mansell gained the first of his 30

Grand Prix victories back in Mansell, the reigning Indycar champion, told reporters: "At the moment it's only a guest appearance this weekend...So I think the word comeback is quite a

strong statement. We are just being lent by the Newman-Haas (Indycar) team. It's very exciting. I think it's good for the sport,

ducts and equipment division.

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"I don't think many drivers have the opportunity to drive the two largest series in the world simultaneously."

Mansell has been released by the Newman-Haas team because the French Grand Prix, at Magny Cours Sunday, does not conflict with the Indycar series. Owner Carl Haas said: "I

want to emphasise that this decision does not change our plans for the rest of the 1994 Indycar season. Nigel, Paut Newman and I remain fully committed to defending the title we won last year.

Williams managing director Frank Williams said: "I am delighted that Carl has allowed Nigel to come.back and race for us in France. Nigel is a true racer and I know everyone is looking forward to working with him

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again. I am confident he will

do a great job for us." Mansell, who will be 41 io August, explained his motivation, saying: "When you still feel you are at the top of your game you are very competitive."

The Briton said that money was not a factor to his return to Grand Prix. He told reporters: "I have a lot of personal friends and you can count on more than the fingers of yourhand the many people who have passed away doing this

"The motivation, gentlemen, is not money. You can draw your own conclusions. I think the most precious think in life is life. This game is not something to be played

Mansell split with Williams amid acrimony two years ago but preferred Tuesday to talk about "differences" of opin-

He said: "I think two years ago a lot of areas were taken

(to heart) by myself personally. But I found out over a year ago it's big business. "There were certain busi-

ness decisions that had to be taken then which did not go hand-in-hand with what I wanted personally. In the last two years I have seen a whole bigger picture, especially living in America. I'm a bttle bit older, a little bit wiser."

Mansell spent part of the morning testing the Williams he will drive in Sunday's French race. A crowd of around 5,000 alerted to the return of their favourite, watched the Briton practise alone, delighted to have him back in the fold albeit, for the moment, only temporarily.

Mansell, Formula One champion in 1992, will join Williams driver and compat-riot Damon Hill at Magny Cours, replacing Scotsman David Coulthard, who is bound to be disappointed after finishing a respectable fifth in the Canadian Grand Prix earlier this month.



Nigel Mansell

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Regent meets excelling students

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Tuesday received excelling graduates of Muta University's military studies department and congratulated them on their excellent results and wished them further progress and success in their life. The Regent voiced pride in and appreciation to the graduates as productive members of the society. Prince Hassan presented a token gift - a collection of the books be wrote to the students. The audience was attended by Muta University President Abdul Rahman Ateyyat and senior

Pope meets Aziz; details unknown

VATICAN CITY (R) — Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz met Pope John Paul on Tuesday, apparently taking his country's case for the lifting of a United Natious economic embargo directly to the pontiff. The Pope received Mr. Aziz, who is Christian, a day after the pontiffs top diplomat told the Iraqi that the Pope wanted the embargo to be reviewed. The Vatican issued no statement on Tuesday's meeting between the Pope and Mr. Aziz apart from announcing it took place. On Monday, after Mr. Aziz met Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Angelo Sodano, a statement said Mr. Aziz briefed him on the economic difficulties faced by Iraqis, particularly the poor, as a result of the trade sanctic

Arafat sets up own rights body

TUNIS (AP) - Yasser Arafat is creating a human rights group in the autonomous territories to counter one established by former PLO spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi. Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials said Tuesday. Meanwhile Israel has rejected Samir Ghosheb's participation in the Palestinian National Authority, which will supervise autonomy in the Gaza Strip and Jericho. Mr. Ghosheh, member of the PLO's Executive Committee. confirmed the action, but said he did not know wby he had been axed. It was the first time Israel, which must endorse Mr. Arafat's cabinet, vetoed a prospective member. Mr. Arafat ordered that the Palestinian Human Rights Commission to be created "independent and unaffected by internal or external influence," said PLO officials. Mr. Arafat has named six members to his group, all of whom have been drawn from his Fateh group. Yebia Yekhluf, a member of the committee, said Mr. Arafat decided last week to create the group. He said the body would start work immediately and left Tuesday for Jericho. PLO sources said the new body was born out of Mr. Arafat's anger over Dr. Ashrawi's refusal to join the 24-member Palestinian National Authority.

Najjab heads for autonomous Jericho

AMMAN (AP) - A high-ranking Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official on Tuesday headed for the autonomous West Bank city of Jericho after almost two decades of exile. Suleiman Najjab is the third member of the PLO's ruling Executive Committee to leave for Jericho and Gaza Strip after the two areas came under Palestinian self-rule on May 4. Yasser Amr and Mohammad Zuhdi Nashashibi. Mr. Najjab's colleagues and ministers in the newly formed Palestine National Authority that will run the affairs of the Palestioian autonomy, left for Jericho and Gaza earlier this month. Mr. Najjab. 60, is a native of the West Bank town of Jebya. He was expelled from his hometown in May 1975 for anti-Israeli activities. He is also the secretary-general of the Palestine People's Party.

Israel to receive F-16 fighters from U.S.

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Israel will take delivery of severa dozen F-16 fighter jets from U.S. stockpiles starting next month, air force chief Major General Herzl Bodinger said. He did not disclose the exact number of the F-16 A/B "Fighting Falcon" planes in a briefing Monday to Israeli military correspondents, but press reports say it will be more than 50. An unspecified number of U.S. Apache attack helicopters and Blackhawk helicopters are also due to arrive in Israel by September, Gen. Bodinger said. The aircraft are part of a commitment made by the Busb administration following the Gulf war and the downscaling of the U.S. presence in Europe to deliver up to \$900 million worth of hardware from U.S. military stockpiles to Israel.

Maintain Iraq sanctions — Belgian minister

KUWAIT (R) — Sanctions should be maintained against lraq until it respects all U.N. resolutions including recognition of its border with Kuwait, Belgian Foreign Minister Willy Claes said on Tuesday, "We insist that all the U.N. resolutions be implemented and respected," Mr. Claes told reporters after talks with the emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, and the Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah. "I know there are a lot of industrial and commercial delegations visiting Iraq but I think it is very important to maintain the same line," he earlier told the official Kuwait News Agency.

Bashir reaffirms Sudan's Islamic option

KHARTOUM (AFP) - Sudanese leader General Omar Bashir reaffirmed his country's Islamic option Tuesday, warning that his regime would not be diverted from its path by what he described as an organised war against Muslims around the world. "We will continue our march to raise high the banner of Islam," Gen. Basbir was quoted by the government Al Engaz Al Watani as saying. Speaking shortly before the fifth anniversary of his seizure of power in a bloodless coup on June 30, 1989, Gen. Bashir said that the difficulties arising from a U.S. embargo on aid to Sudan constituted "the labour pains before the rebirth of the new Islamic state." His government was determined to carry on despite the difficulties, be said.

Egypt denies its boats used to take arms

CAIRO (AFP) - Egyptian Information Minister Safwat Al Sherif strongly denied on Tuesday that the U.S. Navy recently found Saudi arms bound for south Yemen on two Egyptian boats in the Red Sea. "This matter is completely baseless and contradicts Egypt's position on the Yemen problem," Mr. Sherif said in an interview with the daily Al Jumhuriya. He said Egypt believed it was necessary "to stop the fighting immediately" saying that "we must not (...) align ourselves with one side against the other."

Jerusalem Post journalist faces sack

TEL AVIV (AFP) - An Israeli journalist who wrote a spoof guide on how to assassinate Yasser Arafat may be sacked by the Jerusalem Post, the editor told AFP on Tuesday. "It was outrageous," said executive editor David Bar Illan. "Sanctions will definitely be taken against him after consultations with our administrators." Under the headline "Killing Arafat" and a picture of Mr. Arafat in a gunsight, the story ran in a Friday advertising supplement. The English language daily issued a clarification on Monday. "Although intended as a satire, the article was in extremely bad taste. Our apologies to readers who were offended as we were," it said. Mr. Bar Illan said the free supplement was not under his direct control and that a temporary editor put it together while his superior was off for two weeks. "The lawyers said it was okay but I said I did not want it in and he ignored me and put it in," Mr. Bar

Rabbani should stay in office — court Court

KABUL (R) — Afghanistan's supreme court, backed by leading Islamic clerics, decided President Burhanuddin Rabbani should remain in office for six more months, saying bis term did not legally expire on Tuesday.

The move to extend Mr. Rabbani's term followed four days of battlefield triumphs by presidential forces that have swept bis opponents Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar and excommunist warlord General Abdul Rashid Dostum from positions in the capital,

Both Mr. Rabbani and Mr. Hekmatyar were due to step down on Tuesday. "According to a resolution

The Jerusalem Post

AMERICAN Jewish leaders

bave asked Prime Minister

Yitzhak Rabin to publicly

clarify bis position on a U.S.

presence on the Golan

Heights in the event of a

peace agreement, to stem

brewing opposition by con-gressional Republicans,

American Jewish leaders

said they were told privately

that Israel is only seeking an

American component to a multinational force, whose

job would be to monitor en-

forcement of a deal on the

Golan, and not serve as an

independent fighting force. Indeed, after Rabin

appeared at a closed-door

affairs and defence commit-

tee last month, reporters

were told that the prime

minister sought a monitoring

force, rather than a fighting

force, on the Golan, much

like the one now located in

If this was clarified, Amer-

ican support for a U.S. pre-

sence in the area would in-

crease, an American Jewish

from making any public state-

ments on the matter, saying it

was too soon to discuss it

Attempting to clarify mat-ters, Israel's Ambassador to

Washington Itamar Rabino-

ich driefed a select group of

American Jewish political

activists last week, and

assured them that Israel

wanted only a monitoring

But those in the U.S. con-

cerned with the issue remain

confused. Even former

Secretary of Defence Les

Aspin, while visiting here

earlier this month, said be

thought Israel sought the de-

ployment of up to a division

Rabin is believed to

oppose this, fearing it could

of U.S. fighting troops.

So far, Rabin has refrained

the Sinai.

official said.

publicly.

ssion of the Knesset foreign

sources said.

U.S. Jews ask Rabin

for Golan clarification

dent Rabbani should stay on for another six months based on the decision of the people's representatives 18 months ago," Deputy Attor-ncy General Mobammad Zia Omarkhel told a gathering of some 500 Islamic clerics and "Praise be to God,"

of the supreme court, Presi-

shouted the clerics, along with senior generals of Mr. Rabbani's forces, academics and lawyers meeting at the Interior Ministry in warshattered Kabul. The legal grounds for the

analysts said it was unlikely Mr. Hekmatyar would accept the move.

decision appeared flimsy and

Mr. Rabbani became presi-

only constrain Israel and burt

Moreover, a division con-

tains up to 10,000 men, while

the U.S. component in the

Sinai monitoring operation is

deemed to be less than 1,000

Meanwhile, five Republi-

can senators, led by Sen. Al D'Amato (New York) sent a

letter to President Bill Clin-

ton recently, voicing opposi-tion to the deployment of

American troops on the

Golan. Two weeks ago, the

House Republican study

committee held an informal

briefing on this subject, in a

Deputy Foreign Minister

Yossi Beilin has accused

some Congressional Republi-

cans of working with some American Jewish and Israeli

right-wing groups, in a bid to use the U.S. troop issue as a way of torpedoing the Israeli-

Also yesterday (Monday),

a Western diplomat said U.S. Secretary of State Warren

Christopher is likely to arrive

in the region on July 12 or 13,

in an attempt to revive the

"I think it is likely that the

secretary of state will come,

although nothing has been

announced. He bas approx-

imately a week at his disposal

before he heads off to the

annual ASEAN meeting in

arriving in the region after

attending the annual meeting

of the top seven industrial

ised countries (G-7), which is

The Western diplomats re-

fused to answer a question

would step up its involvement

in the Israeli-Syrian negotia-

tions by making its own

bridging proposal.

It is far from certain

whether talks will progress in the absence of such a propos-

about whether the U.S.

Christopher would be

the Far East," be said.

to be beld in Naples.

bid to stir opposition.

Syrian peace talks.

Israeb-Syrian talks.

relations with the U.S.

dent in June 1992, two months after the Mujahedeen took power from the Sovietinstalled government, and was reendorsed by a meeting of clerics and officials from across Afghanistan in December of that year.

However, after months of bitter fighting between Mr. Rabbani and Mr. Hekmatyar, the two men agreed in June 1993 they should hold office for one year from that time but did not reach a consensus on the form of administration that should

Not all participants at Tuesday's meeting backed the decision and many said they had been ordered to

"Perhaps only 10 per cent of people agree with this desaid one academic who declined to be named. "The government should be chosen by all the parties." Several speakers at the

meeting said Mr. Rabbani sbould stay to avoid a vacuum of power. "If we don't have a legiti-

mate authority in Kabul the armed groups might come and loot the rest of the city. women's leader Qadriya Yazdan Tarast said. "We want a legitimate government."

Blistering shelling that rocked the city on Monday, causing many casualties, subsided to sporadic fire but a Dostum jet bombed the capital, kiling five people and

injuring four.
Officials and bospitals say at least 80 people have been killed and more than 450 injured, many of them civilians, in the latest fierce battles for supremacy between the president and forces of the prime minister and bis allies in Kabul.

U.N. officials said 10 people bave been killed and 70 injured in bombing raids by Dostum's jets on western

The fighting has been the fiercest for weeks in Kabul, where more tban 2,500 people have been killed since the latest fighting between Rabbani and Hekmatyar began on Jan. 1.



CALL FOR PEACE; Yemenis living in Britain ding an end to the civil war in Yemen (see page demonstrate outside Downing Street deman-one) (AFP photo)

Qadhafi says he is willing to hand over bomb suspects to Egypt

Qadhafi is prepared to handover to Egypt two men suspected in the Lockerbie bombing provided they are not tried in either the United States or Britain, Egyptian papers reported Tuesday.

Colonel Qadhafi told journalists late Monday that he bad agreed with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak "to transfer the two suspects to Egypt" during meetings between the two leaders in

"Egypt would then be responsible for them and would guarantee to transfer them to ty as well as the Arab the place fixed for their Col. Qadbafi said. trial. stressing that any trial would bave to be "elsewhere other than the United States and Great Britain.

The two men are accused of heing behind the bombing of a Pan-Am Boeing which exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, in December 1988, killing 270 people.

Col. Qadhafi said an Arab League proposal for Scottish magistrates to try the men in the International Court of

CAIRO (Agencies) - Li- Justice in the Hague have by an leader Muammar been well received in the been well received in the

But Washington and London have both rejected the ideas, saving the United Nations had called for the men to be extradited for trial either in the United States or in Britain.

"It seems a solution has been found" and that the proposal "will be submitted as a resolution to the U.N. Security Council for adoption," Col. Qadhafi said. He said the proposal was

backed by Egypt and the Organisation of African Uni-League.
U.N. sanctions bave been

imposed on Libya following its refusal to handover the men and those involved in the bombing of a French private plane Over Niger in 1989 which killed 170 people. The Libyan News Agency,

JANA, quoted Col. Qadbafi as saying the West may clamp an oil embargo to force the surrender of the two sus-

"If the West comes to boycott Libyan oil, this act

would be an extreme barbar-ism," it quoted Col. Qadhafi as saying at a news conference after his meeting with President Mubarak on Monday.

"There is no reason for an escalation (of sanctions). An embargo on Libyan oil will make them (the Western countries) the losers," JANA reported Col. Qadhafi as

"The threat (for an embargo) means in practice starving of peoples like they (the West) did with Iraq. This is unacceptable," he added, referring to sanctions clamped on Iraq after it invaded Kuwait in 1990.

In April 1992 the Council banned all civilian flights to and from Libya, the sale of aircraft parts and arms and called on its members to reduce diplomatic ties with the country. It also banned the sale

parts for refineries but did not cut off sales of drilling equipment for oil, which is. Libya's main export and accounts for 90 per cent of export earnings.

The sanctions are reviewed every 120 days and were re-

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Prince Edward's girlfriend denies they've split up

LONDON (R) — Britain's

latest royal romance is alive and well and wedding bells still on the cards, Britain's tabloid newspapers said Tuesday. They quoted Sophie Rhys-Jones, the girlfriend of the queen's youngest son Prince Edward, as saying their relationship was far from over, as one newspaper had claimed a day earlier. "We have not split up," the sun quoted the 29vear-old public relations executive as saying. "It's non-sense, it simply isn't true," sbe said about the rift rumours, according to the Daily Express. Friends said the couple had spent a happy weekend together at Queen Elizabeth's castle in Windsor, west of London. The Daily Mirror, which said Monday that Prince Edward and Ms. Rhys-Jones had cancelled plans for their widely ex-pected wedding and split up, stuck by its story. The paper had quoted a courtier as saying the bride-to-be bad second thoughts about becoming a Windsor wife after the unhappy experiences of Princess Diana and the Duchess of York, whose marriages both ended in separation. Prince Edward, 30, has declined to comment on the reports. Up until now, royalwatchers were convinced that Prince Edward's long-standing romance with Ms. Rhys-Jones would result in marriage later this year, putting some much-needed romance back in the scandalrocked house of Windsor.

72-year-old loses way in land of midnight sun

STOCKHOLM (R) — A fishing trip went badly wrong for a 72-year-old Swede and his 16-year-old grandson when they got lost on the car drive home and ended up £500 kilometres from home ! deep in the Arctic circle. Police in Kirkenes, a northern Norwegian town bordering Russia, said the 72-yearold was being treated in a local hospital for exhaustion after driving for three days without stopping — in the wrong direction. The pair set off from the central Swedish town of Sundsvall last week for a trip to the inlaud lakes region of Jamtland, about 100 kilometres away. On the way home, the elderly man headed north instead of south and continued heading northwards despite asking directions regularly in Norwegian towns, ending up in Kirkenes. The next stop north after that nortberly town is the North Pole. Kirkenes policeman Bjorn Syversen told the daily Dagens Nhheter the epic journey came to an abrupt end outside Kirkenes when the man fell asleep at the wheel and crashed into a ditch. The pair were convinced they were near Sundsvall, despite northern Norway's dramatic fjords and mountains being very different from the rolling plains of central Sweden. They misread the map. After three days the old man simply couldn't drive any more. Now they're both lying exhausted in hospital here in Kirkenes," he said, adding the pair may have been confused by the region's midnight sun. In northern Scandinavia at this time of year there is 24 hours of daylight.

Sikh scholar agrees to clean snoes

NEW DELHI (AFP) - A U.S.-based Sikh scholar accused of challenging Sikh scriptures was ordered Monday by priests of the holiest Sikh shrine to clean the shoes of devotees as punishment.
Paushara Singh told priests at
the Golden Temple, in the northern Indian city of Amritsar, that he "wholeheartedly" accepted the punishment handed down by them, the Press Trust of India (PII) reported. The academic sought a pardon for writing his controversial thesis, published by the University of Michigan. which critics said sought to challenge the authenticity of the "Guru Granth Sahib, the holiest Sikh book. Paushara Singh was told by the priests over the weekend to listen to and recite Sikh prayers and clean

the shoes of devotees in the

Golden Temple as well as at a

Sikh temple near his U.S.

Post-peace agendas in making as talks near This is the fifth and last in a series of reports filed by the On a higher level, conbelieve, Israel could not velopment programmes for

writer after a two-day trip through areas in close proximity to Jordanian territory occupied by Israel. The return of the territory to Jordan is one of the topics for discussion when Jordanian and Israeli negotiators meet next month.

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Optimism is the dominant sentiment among Jordanian officials as well as security forces that Jordan is not only on the verge of securing its territorial and water rights from Israel but also that the Kingdom would see unprecedented development projects as a result of resolving the decades-old conflict.

Almost every phase of the officialdom and the Armed Forces are busy preparing for next month's negotiations with Israel on delineating the boundaries and restoring the King-dom's water rights in the region's waters.

The preparations are on every level; on the documentation and maps that Jordan will be armed with to press its demand for 380 square kilometres of its land in the south and 0.83 square kilometres in the north, records of Israeli violations of Jordanian territory since the creation of the Jewish state, related U.N. observations, documents related to water rights, patterns of Israeli seizure of Jordan's water share etc. etc.

'We bave everything

documented and re-

corded," said Munther

Haddadin, a senior peace

negotiator. "These records

are the best supporting evi-dence for our demands for

the return of our rights," Dr. Haddadin told reporters as be led a media tour of the ceasefire lines with Israel last week. The media tour itself, the

first of its kind, was a clear indication of the optimism in Jordan that the conflict with Israel could be on its final phases. Comments by officials and army officers throughout the two-day mission underlined changing attitudes and a steady move towards accepting the fact that coexistence with the Jewish state is going to be a reality in Jordan's political life. However, nobody is

underplaying the difficulties Jordan faces in its negotiations with Israel. They are simply not going to hand over our territory and rights to us in a platter," said an army officer. They are going to bring up every argument in the book to reduce the size of the land and attach conditions. But we are prepared for any such approaches."

Army engineers work at repairing old desert roads in the south almost totally unused after the 1967 war. These roads lead to Jordanian territory occupied by Israel since 1948, but, with prospects bright for a return of the land to the Kingdom the armed forces are preparing themselves to the day when they take it

tacts are underway to set a date and place for the first Israeli-Jordanian meeting on border demarcation. A border delineation panel is the first order of business.

Under the Jordanian-Israeli agreement to discuss the border and water rights of the Kingdom, the venue of the talks was shifted to Jordan and Israel. For some, the switch is significant, but officials point out that because of the simple fact that the issue on the table will be border and water it would not make sense to discuss it anywhere away from physical proximity to the actual area.

"What are we supposed to do? Tell the Israelis we don't want to discuss the return of our rights to us if the talks are held in the region?" asked a member. of the Jordanian peace negotiating team. "We negotiating team. have been pragmatic all along, and let us continue that tradition."

Informed sources said "several options of sites and dates" are under consideration for the talks. As of early this week, no definite decision had been reached. But it is expected that the talks would begin some time after July 15.

Most encouraging and reassuring to Jordan was its diplomatic success in convincing Israel to accept the 1928 British mandate maps as the basis for delineating the Kingdom's boundaries. The territory that Jordan is demanding falls very much within those boundaries, and, as such, officials here

hope to put up with any defence for its continued occupation of the land. ''It is Jordanian

sovereign land, and it should be and would be returned to Jordan," said Dr. Haddadin. On a broader level, Dr. Haddadin said, Israel's

acceptance of Jordan's persistent call for delineating border has broken new ground "It means that Israel

accepts that the present 'borders' are not the right borders and there is a need to delineate the borders," said Dr. Haddadin. "But the overriding factor here is that the Israeli acceptance that its eastern borders are with Jordan - with no prejudice to the territorial rights of the Palestinians has shattered extremist "It is a historical prece-

dent," he added. Dr. Haddadin was referring to Israeli extremist argument that the Jewish state had rights to "all the Biblical land of Israel, stretching from "the (Mediterranean) Sea to the (Euphrates) River" of

As the negotiators and diplomats are arming themselves with counterarguments to every conceivable argument that Israel might bring up, officials are at work reviewing the possibilities of economic and social development in Jordan in an atmosphere of peace and tranquility that would attract foreign as well as

local investment. "We have ambitious de-

the underdeveloped parts of the country, particularly the south," said an official. gesturing to the vast expanse of desert in that part of the Kingdom during the media tour last week. There are unlimited

possibilities once we reach a peace settlement, and we are very excited about it," added the official, who preferred not to be identified. We are preparing the ground for the day when discussions would eventually turn to development projects and economic cooperation.

Proposed projects in the context of regional cooperation in peacetime include a Jordanian-Israeli-Egyptian highway, an airport between Aqaba and Eilat, a transnational park and a free zone in addition to coordination and joint projects related to environmental and ecological projection.

Senior army officers who are traditionally reluctant to discuss political issues have shed their inhibitions. Their pointed references to development projects and possible sites indicate not only a high state of awareness of day-to-day developments but also a conviction that military tensions in the region are on their way out.

"It's only a five-minute walk from here. but it could also be a lifetime," an army officer told reporters pointing to the beaches of Eilat from a watchtower at Aqaba across a barbed wire fence and the mined border strip. "Hopefully, this will change soon."

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